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## \$1K excise tax on pistols declared unconstitutional

» Judge Manglona also declares unconstitutional several SAFE provisions

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has declared unconstitutional the \$1,000 excise tax on pistols and several provisions that the CNMI imposed under the newly enacted Special Act for Firearms and Enforcement.



Manglona

"The government need not arm the poor, but it cannot impose uncommon burdens on their ability to exercise their fundamental constitutional rights," said Manglona in a 55-page order issued on Wednesday.

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## Sirok: USCIS CW-1 regulation results in preferential treatment

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has stated that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' regulation and policy on the CNMI-only Transitional Workers (CW-1) nonimmigrant visa program have resulted in unequal and pref-

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JON PEREZ

United States Pacific Command Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, right, talks with Governor's Office legal counsel Wes Bogdan after yesterday's meeting between the CNMI government and the U.S. Department of Defense. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar were also part of the meeting.

## Crutchfield part of 902-led visit to Pagan

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United States Pacific Command Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield will

be joining the 902 talks-led panels that will be visiting Pagan today. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will be leading the CNMI panel, while Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia'ana will

spearhead the U.S. government side.

Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), Department of Public Lands Secretary Mari-

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# Local

## Kilili: Minimum wage hike good for everyone

The federal minimum wage goes up to \$6.55 per hour in the Northern Mariana Islands starting today, Sept. 30, a change that is good for everyone, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

"The more money that workers have to spend, the better off our entire economy," Sablan said. "I know that Congress' decision to increase the minimum wage beginning in 2007 was criticized, but today we have higher individual incomes in the Marianas, more U.S. workers are joining the workforce, and our overall economy has shown positive growth."

"Those are successes we want to see continue."

The locally set minimum wage was \$3.05 per hour in 2007, when a newly elected Democratic majority in the U.S. Congress decided to take over and began raising the Marianas wage to match the national minimum.

Friday's increase of 50¢ per hour is the seventh increase since then. Another 50¢ increase in September 2017 and then a 20¢ increase a year later will bring the Marianas up to the national standard of \$7.25 per hour.

Congress also ordered the Government Accountability Office to monitor the impact of the minimum wage increases to be sure that the Northern Marianas economy was not

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# Jurors start deliberating in Koshiba trial

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The six Superior Court jurors started deliberating yesterday in the case against Jergerson Techur Koshiba, a 42-year-old former firefighter who is on trial for allegedly sexually abusing a 9-year-old girl at a residence in Navy Hill last February.

The jurors are expected to resume their deliberations today, Friday.

In the government's closing arguments, assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub asked the jurors to return a verdict that justice demands by finding Koshiba guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

In the defense's closing arguments, attorney Joaquin DLG Torres said he believes that the girl was just dreaming, but that whatever the reason is, the government did not meet their burden beyond a reasonable doubt to prove the charges.

Weintraub described the victim as a strong little girl, who cried at the witness stand but continued her testimony.

Weintraub cited the girl's testimony how she was awakened when Koshiba touched her private part in the living room's couch on Feb. 26, 2016.

"This man sexually abused a 9-year-old!" said the prosecutor as she pointed to Koshiba.

Weintraub said there is no way the mother ever

leaves her child alone with Koshiba again.

Torres said to find Koshiba guilty, the government must prove beyond reasonable doubt every single of the seven elements of the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Torres described as inconsistent the girl's statements she gave to a police officer and her testimony during the trial.

Among the statements that Torres cited as inconsistent was when the girl told police days after the incident that Koshiba used a finger to touch her private part, but at the witness stand stated that he rubbed her private part using the right hand.

"I think she's dreaming," Torres said.

Torres said the government did not even call to the witness stand the doctor, who examined the girl.

Torres said if the girl was telling different stories and the jurors should not believe any of them.

The defense lawyer said there was no evidence that Koshiba did it for sexual gratification, which is one of the elements of the charge.

Torres said the government presented zero evidence.

The defense counsel said based on the mother's actions after the girl told her what Koshiba did shows the mother did not believe her daughter.

"I submit she didn't believe in her own daughter,"

Torres said.

Torres said the girl's panty had no blood or discharge.

Torres said the girl told the doctor that she did not feel any pain and that there was no bruising or swelling according to the doctor.

Weintraub said no one questioned the girl's credibility and that the charge does not need the government to prove there was injury to the girl's private part.

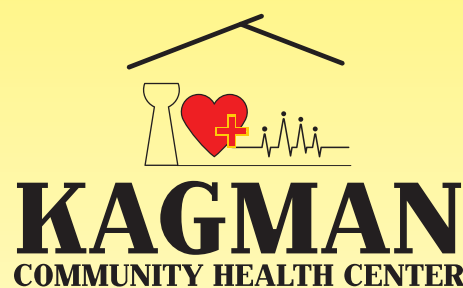
Weintraub said what the jurors observe during the girl's testimony was real fear and real emotions.

Weintraub said the girl got up from the couch and ran to the bathroom then to her mother not because she was dreaming but because Koshiba touched her private part.

Weintraub said the girl woke up her mother and she was crying and shaking.

The prosecutor said the nightmare was not over as Koshiba walked back and forth near the door's room possibly because he wanted to do it more.

Weintraub said the girl had to cling to her mother's leg not because it was a dream but because it happened.



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## TAX

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Manglona said the court will strike down the excise tax on handguns as it is not narrowly tailored to a legitimate interest and cannot survive any form of heightened scrutiny.

Manglona discussed the \$1,000 excise tax on handguns and other SAFE provisions in granting in part Paul A. Murphy's motion for summary judgment.

The judge's ruling favored to most of the challenges that Murphy raised in his lawsuit that challenges certain provisions of the Commonwealth's Weapons Control Act and SAFE.

Murphy is a U.S. Army Ranger veteran and currently a teacher. As a pro se plaintiff or without a lawyer, Murphy sues Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero and Department of Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson in their official capacities to enjoin them from enforcing certain provisions of the Commonwealth's Weapons Control Act and SAFE.

In granting the motion favorable to Murphy, Manglona also declared unconstitutional other provisions of the Commonwealth Code as they "violate the individual right to armed self-defense, in violation of the Second and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, make applicable in the CNMI by the Covenant."

Declared as unconstitutional is a provision that requires the registration of firearms and another provision that restricts the caliber of long guns.

The other provisions declared unconstitutional: the provision that defines "assault

weapon" to include a semi-automatic rifle in a caliber greater than .223 that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any one of the following: a pistol grip under the action of the weapon; a thumbhole stock; a folding or telescoping stock; a flare launcher; a flash suppressor; and a forward pistol grip.

Also declared unconstitutional is the provision that criminalizes the open carry of a handgun (pistol) in operable use for self-defense outside the home.

Finally, declared unconstitutional is the last sentence of a provision to the extent that it is a registration measure that requires Customs to withhold imported firearm until or "upon a showing that the firearm has been properly registered."

## OAG response

Attorney General Edward Manibusan said the Office of the Attorney General is pleased to have succeeded on the most important provisions of SAFE.

"My office will continue to address the outstanding legal issues through legislation," Manibusan said in a press release.

Manibusan said the federal court found the following provisions to be constitutional: (1) requiring individuals to obtain a firearm license before being allowed to possess a firearm; (2) requiring the firearms kept in the home to be either "in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock" or "carried on the person of an individual over the age of 21"; (3) outlawing magazines designed to accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition; (4) outlawing grenade launchers; (5) temporarily seizing firearms brought

into the Commonwealth until the owner is not yet licensed to possess a firearm in the Commonwealth.

## Cost awarded to Murphy

Manglona also permanently enjoined DPS Commissioner Guerrero and Finance Secretary Larson from enforcing the provisions of the Commonwealth Code that have been declared unconstitutional.

Manglona awarded costs to Murphy, who was given until Oct. 11, 2016, to file an accounting itemizing any costs expended in filing this lawsuit. The judge, however, denied Murphy's request for legal fees as a pro se plaintiff he is not entitled to an award of attorney fees in a civil rights action.

On the other hand, Manglona issued judgment in favor of the CNMI and against Murphy on the issues of licensing individuals who seek to possess firearms, storage restrictions on firearms in the home, and the ban on large capacity magazines.

On the \$1,000 excise tax issue, Manglona agreed with Murphy that the tax places an excessive burden on the exercise of the right of law-abiding citizens to purchase handguns for self-defense without a corresponding important government interest.

"Accordingly, the law cannot stand," the judge pointed out.

Manglona said the Second Amendment protects the right to armed self-defense, which includes the right to acquire such arms.

Manglona said SAFE's \$1,000 excise tax imposes a tremendous burden on the rights to responsible law-abiding citizens in the CNMI to obtain handguns.

The judge said applied

against the most expensive handgun, which lists for \$7,699.99, a \$1,000 excise tax is high—about 13 percent—but within the general scope of other Commonwealth excise taxes.

However, Manglona said, when applied against the least expensive \$150 handguns, the excise tax amounts to a whopping 667 percent tax, more than six times higher than the punitive provisions of the Commonwealth's import tax scheme.

Manglona said because SAFE's excise tax comes close to destroying the Second Amendment right to acquire "the quintessential self-defense weapon," the court will strike it down.

Manglona concluded that the Weapons Control Act and SAFE clearly demonstrate the CNMI's commitment to reducing guns crimes through regulation.

However, Manglona pointed out, in its understandable zeal to keep the community safe, the Commonwealth has encroached on certain individual rights provided for by the Covenant and the Second Amendment.

"The individual right to armed self-defense in case of confrontation, like the other rights enshrined in the Covenant, cannot be regulated into oblivion," Manglona said.

Such overly restrictive laws, the judge said, not only impact would-be criminals, but also law-abiding individuals like Murphy.

Manglona said when Murphy properly renews his weapons license, the Commonwealth must return the weapons and ammunition that he is entitled to possess consistent with this decision.

The judge said the Second Amendment, as applied to the

CNMI through the Covenant, protects the right to armed self-defense in case of confrontation.

Manglona said laws that burden the right will generally be upheld if they prevent individuals who should not have firearms (for example violent felons and the mentally ill) from getting them (e.g. license requirements).

The judge said laws that burden the right will generally be upheld if they also do not burden conduct necessary for the use of lethal force when justified (e.g. storage requirements with carrying exceptions), or burden self-defense lightly but significantly reduce criminal activity reduce criminal activity (e.g. large capacity magazines ban).

However, Manglona said, laws that burden the Second Amendment right cannot survive if they lack a sound rationale (e.g. firearm registration), are not supported by evidence (e.g. long gun caliber restriction and attachment ban for assault rifles), completely

destroy the right to armed self-defense no matter the importance of the government's interest (e.g. public carry ban and transportation restriction), or attempt to destroy the right through ordinarily legitimate means (e.g. the \$1,000 excise tax).

Manglona said Murphy has valiantly pursued all lawful efforts to protect and defend his rights in a community where the voice of the majority can often overpower the equally important rights of the minority.

Murphy's battle for justice began more than nine years ago when he first applied for and was denied possession and use of his firearms.

Manglona said despite extensive statutory and case law research to support his stance, Murphy's appeals to DPS, Office of the Attorney General, and Commonwealth Legislature fell on deaf ears.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## CRUTCHFIELD

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anne Teregeyo, Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan, Governor's Office legal counsel Wes Bogdan, and Matt Adams will join Torres.

Crutchfield, who is also the single point of contact for U.S. Department of Defense projects in the CNMI, said that aside from the military providing transportation they would also take the opportunity to show the 902 panels what they are planning to do on Pagan. "I'm one of the two people that will be representing the Pacific Command."

"We thought it would be a good idea to help the 902 consultations. Gov. Torres asked us to provide transportation and so that's what the Department of Defense is doing. I will tag along as an extra as part of the 902.

The U.S. Air Force will be lending their V-22 Osprey, a vertical takeoff and landing aircraft that was used in providing relief and transporting equipment after Typhoon Soudelor.

Crutchfield was here to attend a meeting with Torres along with other members of the DoD, U.S. military, and the CNMI government yesterday at the CNMI Seaport conference room in Puerto Rico.

Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific representatives Tim Roben and Joe Tablada, U.S. Pacific Air Forces Mark Petersen, Sens. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (Ind-Tinian), and Commonwealth Ports Authority representa-

tives also took part in the meeting.

"It is part of the requirements for training and divert. So it is a 902-led visit. I've never been there and so I would like to see it. We do plan to show the 902 delegation what we are thinking when it comes to talking about what we need in Pagan," added Crutchfield.

He said that although negotiations with the CNMI government are still ongoing they would grab the chance because of the difficulty going to one of the Northern Islands in the Commonwealth. "We still have a long way to go for consultations."

"But while we are over there, since it is a difficult place to get to, we're going to show them the type of requirements on what we would be asking for sometime in the future."

## 902 talks

The CNMI will be hosting the 902 talks starting tomorrow. "This trip is a 902 issue, we thank the military for providing transportation to bring us to Pagan with 902 folks from OIA and DoD," said Torres.

The trip to Pagan along with the CNMI's immigration and labor issues will be discussed in the closed-door 902 talks.

"We are hoping to wrap up in a month and have our product presented to President Obama. The important thing for us is for the DPL Secretary [Teregeyo] to show where the proposed homestead program is."

"Gen. Crutchfield would also update us on what's going on as we continue with the dialogue. And they are going to show us what are the proposed projects they have. But again, at the end of the day we would like our concerns to be addressed."

## SIROK

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erential treatment.

CUC legal counsel James S. Sirok pointed out that the manner in which CUC is restricted in filing its renewal petitions for its 13 CW-1 workers results in unequal treatment of it and its petitions, as well as the individual workers.

Sirok said this is because those CW-1 petitions, which can be filed during the beginning of a fiscal year, will not be affected when the CW-1 cap number is reached during the middle or ending months of a fiscal year as will CUC's petitions.

USCIS regulation restricts the filing of a CW-1 petition to no earlier than six months prior to the expiration of the CW-1 status or prior to the actual need for the beneficiary's services in the case of a new hire.

Sirok explained the alleged USCIS preferential treatment

in CUC's and their affected CW-1 workers' opposition to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson's and co-defendants' motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by CUC and its 13 affected CW workers for not acting on their CW-1 permit renewals.

Sirok said the utilities agency is required to wait and file its petitions for renewal of the CW-1 petitions during the months of July through September of a fiscal year.

"It demonstrates that for FY 2016, when the CW-1 cap was reached in early May 2016, those petitions filed from six months out and up through the first month of the 2016 fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2015), received preferential and unequal treatment allowing for approval of said petitions, as compared those petitioners who had to wait until December 2015 and further into the middle of 2016 fiscal year to file their petitions," he said.

Sirok said as a result of the preferential treatment, because of the filing restriction rule, CUC and its affected CW-1 workers were treated unequally.

He said these petitions were rejected, and CUC's CW-1 workers lost their jobs as compared to those petitioners and CW-1 workers whose status expiration dates came earlier in the fiscal year.

Sirok said CUC and its affected CW-1 workers have alleged generally in their original complaint that the conduct and actions of DHS and USCIS are contrary to the due process rights of plaintiffs.

The lawyer said DHS' conduct in setting the 2013 to 2017 annual CW-1 cap numbers is reviewable under the Federal Administrative Procedure Act.

Sirok said the Consolidated Natural Resources Act gives the District Court a meaningful standard against which

to judge DHS' exercise of whatever discretion it may be empowered with for the purpose of computing the annual CW-1 cap number.

Sirok said DHS failed to comply with the CNRA requirement to publish by regulation its annual numerical limitation number and to follow the APA requirement to first publish the numerical limitation number as proposed and provide opportunity for public comment prior to its adoption and implementation.

He added that DHS failed to publish the adopted cap number 30 days prior to its effective date.

Johnson and co-defendants' position is that APA expressly precludes judicial review of DHS' administration of the CW-1 visa cap because it is an agency action committed to agency discretion by law.

CUC employs over 300 workers, including 42 nonresident workers.

# NI mayor looking forward to Pagan trip

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Aldan

Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan looks forward to today's trip to Pagan with Gov.

Ralph DLG Torres along with members of the Legislature and the U.S. panel consisting of Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia'ana and Steve Eisner.

Aldan believes that the trip to the island along with the 902 talks is a good way to emphasize Pagan's need for assistance.

"It's a great opportunity for her (Kia'aina) to come up and see for herself why my office and the rest of the folks and residents are really asking for assistance through the Office of Insular Affairs," said Aldan. "She can be there and see for herself what is missing on those islands and hopefully we could get some kind of assistance from the OIA."

Another objective of the trip is to show the U.S. panel the homestead program in Pagan. According to Aldan, they are working closely with the Department of Public Lands not just for the sake of Pagan, but also for the other islands.

"We're working with DPL now as we speak. Yes, we are working on Pagan, but not just Pagan, we're working on the other islands as well. We are targeting Pagan because it is the easily accessible area, and not only that, there were subdivisions that were done prior to what we're going to do now."

Aldan shares that the homestead programs will be helpful by providing the residents of the Northern Islands proof of ownership of land.

"This will help us, the residents of the Northern Islands, have some form of ownership once the programs are implemented in the Northern Islands. Not only that, the homestead waiver act is also being included in this process because we should not forget the people that were there ever since and who have submitted claims to the DPL for their properties in the Northern Islands, not just Pagan, but also all the other inhabited islands at one point in time," said Aldan.

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# Nat'l Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day proclaimed



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres reads the proclamation of National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day with Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

A total of 112 firefighters in the U.S. have died serving the community and protecting people in 2015 alone.

Along with these statistics, firefighters are also in the forefront when it comes to carbon monoxide exposure, heart attack, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, hepatitis B and C, and stress due to the nature of their jobs, according to the document signed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres proclaiming Oct. 8 as National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day.

Additional statistics provided by the proclamation claims that on a nationwide basis, 683 firefighters have already died from cancer from the 1950s to today.

According to the proclamation, which Torres

signed Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, firefighters are at times harassed, threatened, sworn at, humiliated, and taken for granted. Despite this, firefighters are trained to self-sustain to ensure assistance to public during the time of need.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day was designated by the United States Congress and the President of the United States to be an annual day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of others and to give importance to the people who put their lives on the line fighting fires in a building, the forest, or a plane. **(Erwin Encinares)**

## Rotary welcomes new member

The Rotary Club of Saipan has inducted a new member into its ranks last Tuesday during its weekly membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.



J&G Company Ficke Inc.'s Sean Ficke is

the newest member of the local Rotary Club. Just moving here to Saipan in June from Florida, Ficke was also a Rotary member of Viera Rotary Club based in Florida.

Ficke shared that he is looking forward to give back to the community. "[I'm] just looking forward to helping and giving back to the community. The economy is really thriving and growing, so we want

to jump on board and take advantage and help and give back to the community," shared Ficke after the induction.

Ficke also shared bits and pieces of his life to the Rotary members.

"I look forward to being a part of your guys group here and [I] moved here in June, brought my family, helping the family business of J&G. I was in Viera Rotary Club for four years in Florida," he said.

Born and raised in Guam, Ficke lived in Hawaii and Florida for over 10 years. Ficke is in the CNMI to spearhead new business ventures of J&G Company. **(Erwin Encinares)**

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Interest proposers must submit one original and two copies of the sealed proposal. The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m., October 19, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director on the aforementioned location.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Acting Executive Director

## House resolution wants deadline extension on mine, quarry regulation

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) pre-filed a House Joint Resolution to urge Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to request U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to extend the deadline for the CNMI coming under the purview of the Mine Safety and Health Administration. HJR 19-13 was pre-filed last Sept. 20.

The resolution wants MHSA to extend the date to begin regulating quarries and mines in the CNMI and request for provision of assistance from the Educational Field and Small Mine Services. It also wanted to help ensure mine and quarry operators remain in compliance with U.S. federal laws, rules, and regulations.

"Essentially, the intent is to request an extension from U.S. DOL's MHSA regarding its implementation of federal rules and regulations on mines and quarry operators in the CNMI," said Demapan.

MHSA is a federal government agency under DOL that enforces safety and health rules for all U.S. mines regardless of size, number of employees, commodity mined, or method of extraction.

Provisions of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as amended by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 were also carried out by

MHSA. In May of last year, MHSA officials met with all CNMI mine and quarry operators on Saipan.

MHSA national manager Kevin Deel and western district manager Wyatt Andrews told CNMI mine and

quarry operators that they would begin their regulatory enforcement in the next five years according to

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The plan, however, changed in another meeting held in March of this year

where MHSA told them that they would begin enforcing the regulations starting next week.



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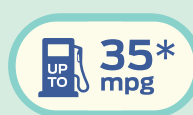
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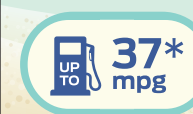
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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan met with U.S. Food and Nutrition Service Regional Administrator Jesus Mendoza, center, and other FNS officials, who are on island for discussions with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on how to use the money to modernize food stamp administration and raise benefits.

## US food stamp officials talk next steps with Torres, Kilili

Discussions are underway this week on how best to use \$30.5-million in food stamp funding for the Northern Mariana Islands that Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) included in the 2014 Agricultural Act.

Jesus Mendoza, regional administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture, is meeting with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to come to agreement on how to use that new money to provide more food assistance to low-income families in the Northern Marianas.

Mendoza also met yesterday with Sablan, who has made U.S.-equivalent food assistance for the Marianas one of his priorities in Congress.

"People in the Marianas should be eligible for the same level of assistance as Americans anywhere else in our country," Sablan said. "The extra money I was able to get beginning in 2009 was an important step in that direction and resulted in increased food stamp benefits on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

"The \$30.5 million available over the next three years from the 2014 Farm Bill almost doubles what we have been receiving. We want this new money to help more people get higher benefits right away. And we also need to modernize our food stamp

program to match the national SNAP system.

"These are the issues that administrator Mendoza and the governor are working out. While Congress passes bills and makes funding available for programs like SNAP, it's up to the executive branch to carry out these programs. And I very much appreciate Mr. Mendoza and his colleagues at FNS briefing me today on the progress of implementation so far."

SNAP, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, is available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, Sablan was able to include in the 2014 Farm Bill funding to set up a pilot program and improve benefits in the Marianas as a step toward full inclusion in SNAP.

"Three out of five food stamp recipients in the Marianas are children," Sablan explained. "They need our help."

"When our children have the food they need, they can grow up strong and healthy. They can do better at school. They will live better lives.

"That is what motivates me to keep working on this issue."

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- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - Call to Order
  - Roll Call
  - Adoption of Agenda
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- CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - Divisional Updates
- OLD BUSINESS**
  - Garapan Annex Status Update
  - Liyo' Land Exchange Proposal
- NEW BUSINESS**
  - Art Ridge Village Homes Application Amendments and Return and Reallocation
  - LIHTC Application - Zen Homes, LLC
  - QAP for 2017-2018
  - Direct Family Loan Program Policies and Procedures
  - Lease-to-Own Property
- LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OTHER MATTERS**
  - NMHC Staff Survey
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(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

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Students of Marianas High School, Kagman High School, and Saipan Southern High School attended the second day of the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium held yesterday at the Saipan World Resort.



ERWIN ENCINARES

Dr. Samuel Betances served as the keynote speaker of the second day of the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium held yesterday at the Saipan World Resort.

## Betances: Don't be a stranger on your homeland

By ERWIN ENCINARES  
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REPORTER

The keynote speaker of Day

2 of the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium held yesterday at the Saipan World Resort talked about the dangers of losing a culture and language and how important these two are in preserving the CNMI's unique heritage.

"The greatest danger, if you do not care for your language and your heritage is that you become a stranger in your own homeland, you become a shadow, instead of the real deal. Humanity is impoverished because every culture and every language has a unique contribution in the fabric of the society. When one culture dies, we impoverish all of humanity, and we can't let that happen," said Souder, Betances & Associates Inc. senior diversity consultant and author Dr. Samuel Betances.

He also shared the eternal question plaguing the CNMI. "How do we learn English, perfect English, embrace English, but at the same time, embrace the language of our heritage so that we can be rooted in our culture and effective in the global economy?"

Betances relayed to the high school students in attendance the significance of language, besides the usual means of communication.

"Language identifies us; we belong to a language group. Language is an umbilical cord to culture; it's what gives continuity to a particular people. Language is a way by which we can also become competent and become educated, because on this island, we need to know more than one language, because language enables us to connect to the world of work as well as our heritage," said Betances poetically.

"Language is the vehicle that allows us to practice cultural sovereignty and personal sovereignty, so that we could be happy with who we are. God does not make junk; sometimes the outsider comes in and tell us, '[English] is better than your language,' for you, and maybe for business, but not for heritage. So it is important that we understand

to appreciate our language that connects us to our culture and how to cross that island-global divide to be effective in the workplace," added Betances.

First lady Diann Torres shared that the CNMI is slowly creeping up the footsteps of Guam relative to the possible loss of the native tongue. "As we see today, it really is dying. Guam is doing everything they can to save the language, and we don't want to get there. We are slowly getting there, but if we start now, we will save it," said Torres.

The first lady shared that at the Torres residence only Chamorro can be spoken. "Honestly, we try to keep it 100 percent Chamorro at home. When my kids come home from school, they start speaking English and I pretend to not understand them. We constantly remind them to speak Chamorro."

Torres also mentioned that they are trying to make this a family thing. "We also reach out to our family, my mom, dad, brothers, and sisters, to speak to my kids in Chamorro, and that goes for my nieces and nephews as well."

Torres said that the symposium is important to the students not only for motivating them to speak the language, but also for getting the full cultural experience that comes with the language. "I think symposiums such as these are important because they don't get it at home. That's one thing that I learned yesterday, we do speak Chamorro 100 percent, but what we are lacking at home, is practicing some of these. The little things, like buying the *kamyu*, and I actually thought about that, have my kids do that, and just experiencing the culture and some practices."

When asked for her thought on culture and heritage hindering economic growth, Torres responded with, "We are really just protecting the culture and the language because we do have a lot of influences outside coming in, and we see that growing. If we start now,




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# Kan Pacific to maintain presence in CNMI



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Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh, standing left, and property manager Charlene Babauta, standing right, join their guests for a group photo during the hotel's customer appreciation party last Saturday.

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Mariana Resort & Spa, one of the CNMI's oldest hotels,

is set to close its doors but its management assured the community of having a continued presence in the Commonwealth. Mariana Resort cel-

ebrated its 38th year last April.

Kan Pacific Saipan owns and operates Mariana Resort including Mariana Country Club, Mariana Ocean Shop,

and its new venture Zen Tepanyaki Restaurant. Mariana Resort is a 1,600-hectare facility that opened in 1978.

Imperial Pacific Interna-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A firework display capped Mariana Resort's customer appreciation party last Saturday.

tional Holdings, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s parent company that earned the exclusive casino license on Saipan, will be taking over the area after it was the only one that submitted a request for proposal following the expiration of Kan Pacific's lease on the land.

Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh said they don't have a definite date

yet on when Mariana Resort would close and BSI taking over. "We do not have a definite answer yet. As IPI was the only one to answer the RFP."

"I believe that the lease agreement between them and [the Department of Public Land] has to be finalized first. Then, the size of the lease property requires legislative approval."

Cavanagh said the owners also opted not to build another hotel facility and would rather scale down their operations, but they also plan of venturing to other businesses in the future.

"Of course KPS will still be in business, just in a much smaller operation. We are not planning on building another hotel. We have our offsite restaurant, Zen, and our Mariana Ocean shop," said Cavanagh.

"We are also toying with the idea of opening another restaurant next year. We have a few other business plans that I cannot disclose at this time. But we are looking at continuing a presence here on Saipan," she added.

Mariana Resort held a customer appreciation party last Saturday where they invited several members of the community, loyal customers, and business partners.

Cavanagh said they also plan to expand Zen's operations after Mariana Resort closes. "We would like to eventually offer lunch at Zen but not 'till after we close the resort. Actually, we will be able to expand the Zen operations after."

However, staffing remains the issue with the current problems with the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker nonimmigrant visa program. "There is nothing that would lead me to believe that this will not happen, especially with the labor market as it is."

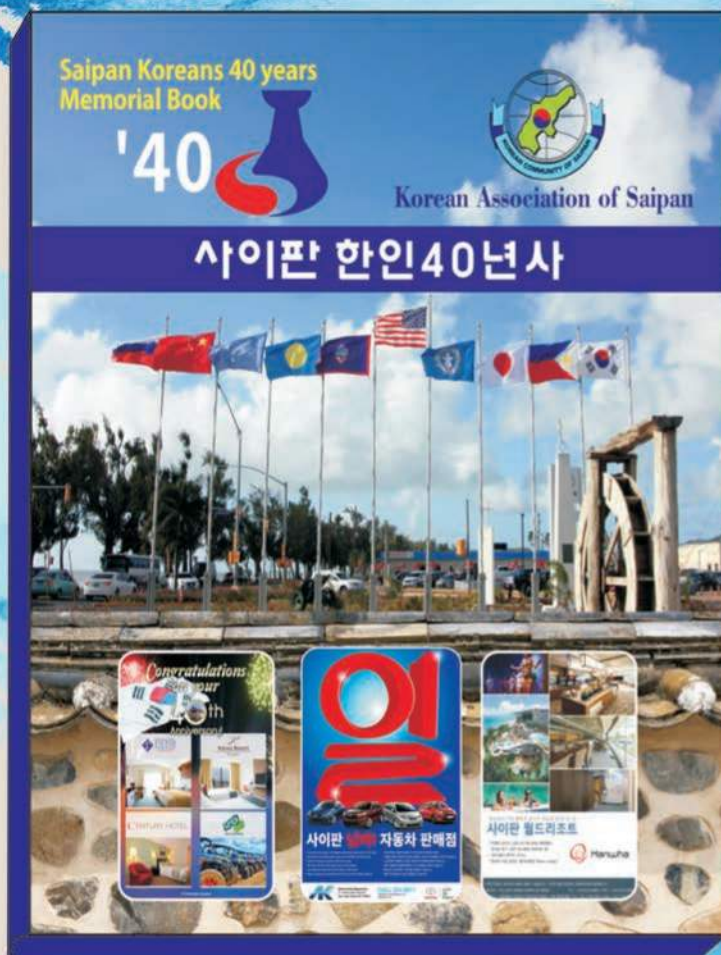
"Like every other business, staffing is an issue. We will keep some of our employees, if they agree of course. BSI has, from the beginning, expressed that they will have jobs for everyone else," added Cavanagh.

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If you missed the previous two writer's workshops earlier this year, here's your chance to get started writing and publishing your book. And, as participants learned, it's easier than you think.

These Saipan workshops bring good things to life. Riza Ramos, a nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center and a workshop attendee, published *Drinking Seawater* (a Soudelor account and memoir) shortly after attending workshop #2!

You can check it out at [www.rizaramosbooks.com](http://www.rizaramosbooks.com) and on Amazon.

During this lively, interactive three-hour workshop, Walt Goodridge will review the previous workshop's topics, plus

- Mastering the creative process from start to finish
- Creating a winning cover
- Publishing your book for zero dollars
- Marketing your book once complete
- How to go from idea to

income in 2 hours

- Plus customized ideas for your unique project (Bring your manuscripts or previously published books)

The third writer's workshop will be held on Oct. 8 from 9am to 12noon at the Northern Marianas International School Room 407 at the Marianas Business Plaza

Admission is \$10 in advance only.

Seating is limited and forms to prepay are two ways: Go online at [www.saipanliving.com/workshop](http://www.saipanliving.com/workshop), or using PayPal: "Send" \$10 to [workshop@saipanliving.com](mailto:workshop@saipanliving.com)

Students pay \$5 in advance or at the door, just bring ID. RSVP and email questions to [walt@saipanliving.com](mailto:walt@saipanliving.com)

Goodridge is author of over 20 books in several genres. His books have been used as texts for university courses, as guides by other coaches, and his ideas have been quoted in books by "Guerrilla Marketing" guru Jay Conrad Levinson, music

industry pioneer Chuck D, and other business authors worldwide. Goodridge has written several books about Saipan including *Jamaican on Saipan*, *Chicken Feathers & Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan*, *Saipan Living*, *Doing Business on Saipan*, *Saipan Now: a photo adventure*, and *From Bugle Boy to Battle Ship: a Battle of Saipan Veteran's Memoir*.

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## Golden Harvest Int'l School forms its own science club



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Elected officers with faculty members and staff of Golden Harvest International School pose for a group photo.

Golden Harvest International School organized and formed its own science club last Friday, Sept. 24, 2016.

Simply known as Golden Harvest Environmental Club, it was created through the initiative of Susan T. Deblois, founder and administrator of the school. She said it was time for the school to participate in the community services creating awareness in environmental concerns.

Also, on the same date, a set of officers was elected for the student council. Elected president and vice president

were Clark Alexander V. Trasmano and John Paul D. Labadan, respectively.

Other elected officers were Gadiele Ropher M. Joson, secretary; Tamia Lei D. Hix, treasurer; Amber Sidney N. Sureta, public relations officer, and Calvin J. Mirasol, sergeant-at-arms.

Present at the meeting were school principal Adelaida L. Vilorio and teachers Leonor V. Marfil, Imelda C. Bautista, Jeanne M. Salcedo, and Nestor B. Tam. All the teachers will serve as the advisers of the club. (PR)

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### EDITORIAL

## Debate answers few of nation's big questions

For many years now presidential debates have become entertainment spectacles rather than substantive exchanges of ideas. But perhaps the date historians of the future will recall as the moment presidential races turned officially from politics to entertainment will be September 26, 2016.

It's perhaps also the moment where superficiality and rhetorical attacks trumped — no pun intended — discussions of philosophy and public policy. Even still, 2016's first presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump should be enough to give any American pause, for any number of reasons.

From the moderator to the candidates, from the questions to their answers, from the falsehoods to the pandering, there is a deep feeling of visceral regret and a surreal but relevant question: Are we watching a reality TV show, an episode of "House of Cards" or an actual presidential debate?

Both Clinton and Trump are deeply flawed presidential candidates and the debate stage put a magnifying glass on that fact. Neither candidate was aspirational; neither was particularly enlightening; and neither was remarkably inspiring. Most tragically, neither showed any aptitude or desire to be the much-needed uniting force our country needs today.

Trump's debate performance was lackluster. He lacked the depth and breadth of information that one would hope for in a presidential contender. Instead of sticking to issues, he allowed himself to crawl deep in to the political weeds dwelling on topics and personalities that do not matter to most Americans and should have no relevance on a presidential debate stage. His responses to questions targeting him and his character by moderator Lester Holt were unsatisfactory at best.

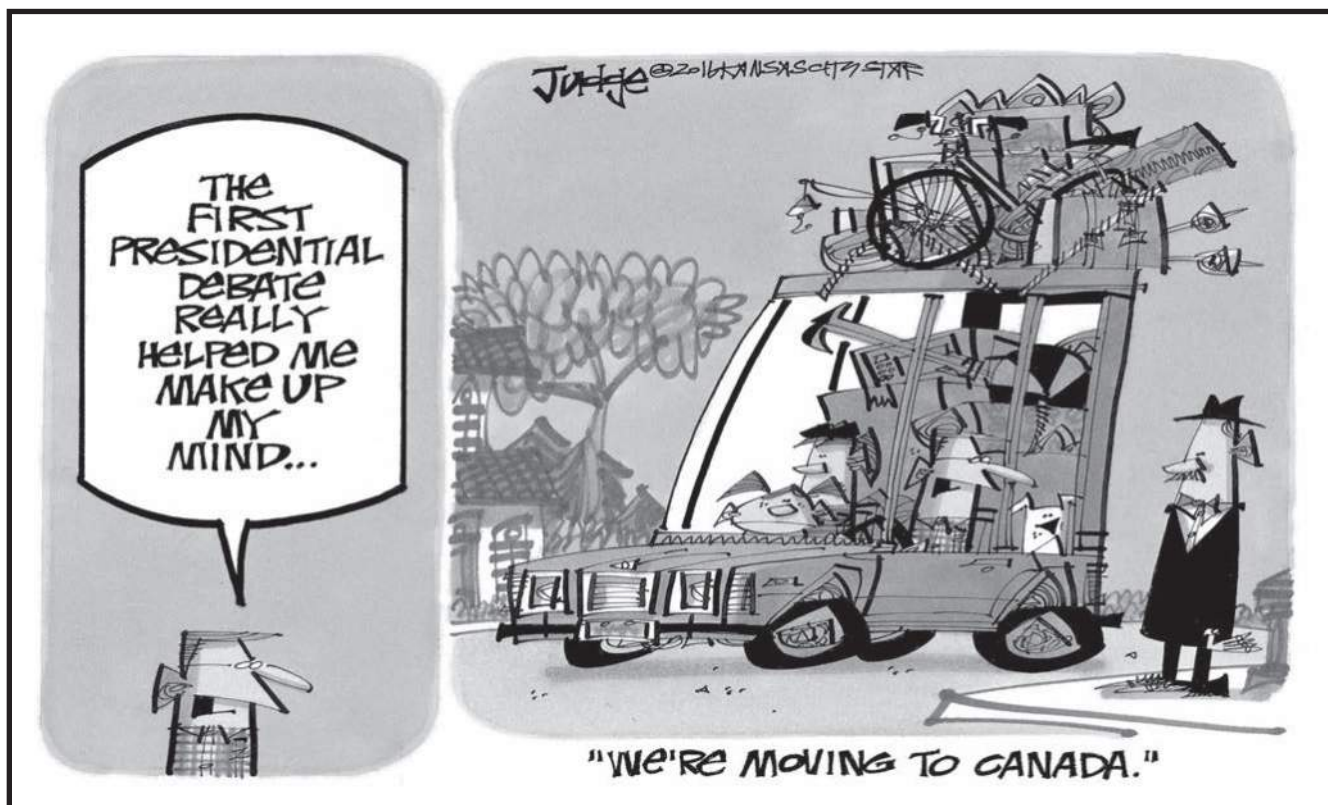
Clinton's performance was measured and calculated but far from illuminating. She stayed (mostly) to talking points we've heard dozens of times on the campaign trail with responses unlikely to sway the opinions of any meaningful number of voters in her favor. Clinton's highly scripted responses benefitted though in contrast to Trump's oft disjointed responses.

Clinton also benefited from favorable questions and a lack of critical follow-up from Holt. For example, there was no follow up question on Clinton's involvement in conspiring against the Bernie Sanders campaign in the Democratic Party primary nor did Holt press the former secretary of state on her ongoing email scandal — an issue that has been linked to her plummeting in recent polls. Holt also did not direct any critical questions at Clinton about those topics or any others.

In contrast, Holt targeted Trump with questions — and argued with him — at least twice, over issues that have been subject of attacks by the Clinton campaign. First, Holt essentially asked if Trump's silly campaign to have President Barack Obama release his birth certificate was motivated by race. Second, Holt asked if Trump's recent comments about Clinton were sexist. These are valid questions, certainly, but similar questions ought to have been asked of Clinton.

No candidate for the presidency of the United States should get a free pass from being questioned critically about his or her record. And when there is even the appearance of such imbalance it not only calls into question the efficacy of a fair debate but also gives credence to the arguments made by critics.

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## The FY '17 budget

Disposition of the FY '17 budget was handled responsibly where the governor sent a clear message to alleged Lt. Gov. Biktot Hokog that he's wary of the undermining scheme he's schemed with senators. There's nothing up that alley, sir!

Imagine allowing the mayors of Tinian and Rota ultimate disposition of leftover funds for utilities when the NMI owes CUC nearly \$30 million. Saipan taxpayers would be forced to pay for over 30 political hires to aid in the fast fading political career of Sen. Francisco Borja. Biktot Hokog's maneuver crash-landed on the reef outside the Susupe channel left as bait for sharks.

It boggles the mind why the illustrious Saipan senators and representatives were complicit in the open wasteful scheme. Was it right that you turned your head the other way on an issue that requires minute attention?

Now, there's some money left to pay for the following urgent need at CHC: 1. Critical disposable tubes being used on ICU patients to ensure they don't choke from phlegm collection in their throat. 2. Purchase of additional gowns so patients could change dirty ones daily.

Then there's the echo of an improved economy with its suspect domino effect. But you limited salary increases to an already overpaid public sector ignoring to lift the boats of employees in private industries. Aren't private industry employees people too?

### GOP regrouping?

Through the grapevine, I heard of the reorganization effort of the Covenant Party. It's aimed at 2018, a move that could effectively eliminate Republicans who came back into the fold.

The genesis of the now fractured GOP is a painful experience where the dilemma entails eradicating corruption in favor of upholding the laws of the land or sweeping the issue under the rug for political convenience where everybody lives happily ever after.

Unfortunately, impeachment from the lower chamber was the only alternative that meant the permanent wedging of relations among republicans. Impeachment finally took its toll.

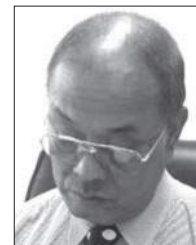
The initial move didn't leave much room for lower chamber legislators to avoid fiduciary disposition other than to decide what does it preserve: corruption or the integrity of the laws of the land? Understandably, the tectonic collision upon returning to the GOP didn't sit well with the grandfathers of the GOP. The tectonic rumbling kept jolting what was once a single unit now dangerously disintegrated.

Of what benefit is the planned reorganization other than a few haggard consultants collecting big bucks from the system without real benefits accruing to the multitude? And is the effort sufficiently attractive to sheeple or fool voters once more to following instructions from political slave masters? Or is it just another "feel good" scheme so useless for the multitude?

The fractious group isn't going to see its deep wounds heal soon, if at all. If the reorganization excludes republicans who took a stand in favor of impeachment, it means the severing of relation. It took courage to vote fulfilling fiduciary duty. The po-

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litical sacrifice is huge but it rests well among the multitude wary that it was the right thing to do!

### The intelligent yet idiot

Over the years, we've patiently listened to the "intelligent yet idiot" (IYI) bunch tell us what to do, what to eat, how to speak, how to think and who to vote for. Surprising their half-cocked view that they know better. Thus, the bravery to tell us what's good for us even to the contrary.

But let's put the guys and gals through a simple test to see if they know their fiduciary duties. The authority to appropriate funds is the epitome of power solely reserved for the legislature. One would think that it's almost a given that it would jump to defend its authority when violated by any member or delegation. It didn't! Why?

I had to file a lawsuit against the MV *Luta* in hopes of jolting their nimble mind. That nobody came to my rescue makes one wonder if it isn't fitting that a constitutional amendment be sought to impose an exam on all legislative candidates pertaining to the NMI Constitution and Covenant Agreement. Those who fail must be relegated permanently from seeking public office. Imagine da guys and gals spelling "constitution" m-a-n-g-o, mango! Seezzzz! And it's dealing with policy on our livelihood?

Interesting though the courage to blindly brave explaining public policy so clueless what the task entails. Well, maybe it's the reason we have the IYI club to lump and dump every Tom, Dick and Harry into the fold who fits the bill. Halo? Must be the origin of all wrongs! Sayu? If someone embarrasses you about your representative being clueless, just say that he or she was recently inducted into the IYI Hall of Fame!

Said Magoo, "The IYI is our version of Basket of Deplorables!" Oooops!

### \$100K for commission

The establishment of a status commission includes \$100,000 in funds for its purposes. What's purpose boggles the mind when mirrored against the permanent arrangement found under USPL 94-241.

If you read Covenant Sections 101 and 102 you'd get a clear idea of the obvious exercise in futility inherent in the work of the legislature. The first aspect speaks loud and clear that the NMI surrendered sovereignty under the law. The latter says the Covenant Agreement (USPL 94-241) is the "supreme law" of the land.

The same federal law provides for the 902 Talks, the vehicle to

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# Return of the Marlboro man

**N**ow that we've burned through summer I'm still hoping to improve the year somehow. It's been too quiet. Like the old song says, kicks just keep getting harder to find.

It's too late in the game to gamble on unproven fads, so I want some kicks that are time-tested.

Hey, here's an old-school idea: smoking. Maybe that will spice things up a bit.

Have you ever seen the Marlboro ads from back in the day? They featured a rugged-looking cowboy looking, well, uh, rugged. You can tell by the set of his jaw and the steel in his gaze that he's up to important things and that he has Mastered the Situation, whatever that situation may be.

Can you imagine him being nagged to unload the dishwasher? No.

Can you see him sitting through a PowerPoint presentation? Never.

Those petty humiliations are for inferior men. The Marlboro man lives on a higher plane. He's always in his element because he's always in Marlboro Country.

Let's be practical here: A gallon of gas will barely get you from Coral Ocean Point to Marpi. A pack of smokes, on the other hand, can take you all the way to Marlboro Country.

Are you ready for a cigarette break? I am...

And so I find myself as a mysterious stranger riding on horseback. I'm touching the brim of my hat in salutation whenever I see a lady and I'm saying, in a gravelly, smoker's baritone, "Howdy, ma'am."

After loping to the center of town, I dismount and tie my horse to a hitch in front of the tavern.

Then I light up a cigarette and stare into the distance and look rugged.

This peaceful moment doesn't last long, though. The swinging doors of the tavern fly open as a pack of loud rowdies spills out of the joint.

One of them is a drunken dude with a black hat and yellow teeth. He bumps into me with his shoulder, then curses under his

breath and wheels around to face me.

His pack of pals, obviously the local toughs, all turn their attention to me. Their hands are resting on their holstered six-shooters.

A quiet tension fills the air. The few pedestrians in the area quickly scatter.

But I maintain my steely composure, staring off into the distance as I savor the smooth tobacco flavor of my Marlboro.

After sizing me up for a moment, the toughs are subdued by my gravitas. Most people are, of course. Nervous smiles appear on the toughs' faces. So I decide to break the ice and I hand around my trusty pack of smokes, making fast pals of everyone.

We all light up. Then we all stand around looking rugged.

A dancing girl from the tavern comes out to see what the commotion was all about. She has cinnamon-red hair and a smile that holds the ace of hearts. I drop my steely gaze for a moment and toss her a quick glance. She blushes and doubles down on her ace.

"Hello, drifter," she says. "I don't reckon I've seen you before."

"You reckon right, ma'am," I say.

"So what's it take to get to know you better?"

I take a deep draw on my cigarette and allow myself a wry smile.

"Never try to rope the wind," I say.

She puts her hand on my arm, then pulls up so close to me I can smell her perfume as she whispers, "Ain't no wind ever outrun my lasso, cowboy."

Well, one thing leads to another, so she and I go back inside. As we get better acquainted I tell myself: "This sure beats PowerPoint."

But here's some data anyway: One in five American adults smoke cigarettes. The Midwest has the highest percentage of smokers at 25 percent.

Globally, a 2007 Gallup survey found that Cuba has the highest percentage of smokers at 40 percent. Next came Kuwait,

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Chile, Russia, Belarus, and Bangladesh, all tied at 37 percent.

The nations with the smallest percentage of smokers were Nigeria (6 percent), El Salvador (8 percent), Ghana (8 percent), Afghanistan (9 percent), and Ethiopia (9 percent).

By the way, I'm not sure that Gallup's survey was limited to cigarettes. Their question was simply, "Did you smoke yesterday, or not?"

Anyway, according to a Business Wire posting on the Web, the world consumes 5 trillion cigarettes a year. The top three markets are China, Russia, and the U.S.

As for me, as tempting as it is, I'll skip the smoking thing for now.

I think I'll take up drinking tea instead. That's another old-school diversion. The idea came to me when I was unloading the dishwasher. I found an old bone China teacup that's painted with little yellow birds and blue flowers. It has a matching saucer.

So I'm enjoying teatime right now, relishing my memories of Marlboro Country.

As for the redhead, well, ma'am, I'm sorry I couldn't stick around after our time together. You should never fall for a drifter. I tried to warn you. The trail behind me is littered with broken hearts.

And as for everyone else, let me tell you: It's really hard to look rugged when you're sipping chamomile.

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A reader requested that I re-run a favorite column from a few years ago, "The Cigarette Break." After getting some new polish it was run today as "Return of the Marlboro Man." So here's mud in your eye, pardner.

# A heart-saving nutrient: D-Ribose

**I** had some cardiac challenges last February and went to the hospital. I am now out of the danger zone, and have been for a while, but I continue to research those nutrients which might be good for my heart. And if they are good for my heart, they may be good for yours also, even if you haven't had an "event."

I have been combining a protocol of three prescribed medicines and additional dietary supplements which help the heart. These include ubiquinol (a form of co-enzyme Q-10), magnesium orotate, carnitine, serrapeptase (which I wrote about recently), and betaine. These nutrients either help the heart directly; or others, such as vitamin K2, betaine, and serrapeptase help to keep the arteries clear.

I recently visited the web site of Andrew Weil, M.D. He mentions another nutrient, one I had never heard of: D-Ribose. Dr. Weil writes:

"Ribose is a naturally occurring sugar made in the body from glucose and is an essential component of ATP (adenosine triphosphate), the compound that stores and delivers energy in all cells. Ribose also occurs in RNA (ribonucleic acid), one of the main information-carriers of living organisms. Because ATP is rapidly used by muscles in high-intensity workouts and because RNA is important in protein synthesis, ribose supplements and energy drinks containing ribose are being promoted for energy enhancement and better exercise performance. The supplements are said to speed muscle tissue recovery after exercise, and limit post-exercise fatigue."

This is good to know, especially for athletes. But what Dr. Weil had to say about the positive effects of D-Ribose on the heart were especially interesting:

"...emerging evidence does suggest that (D-Ribose supplementation) benefits patients with congestive heart failure, a serious condition in which the heart cannot pump sufficient blood to meet the body's circulatory needs. In a study in The European Journal of Heart Failure, ribose appears to improve heart function and quality of life among these patients by increasing levels and availability of ATP. Patients with congestive heart failure (or other forms of heart disease) should discuss ribose supplementation with their physicians."

In a perfect world, more physicians would know about D-Ribose. But most doctors do not have the time or inclination to stray too far from FDA-recommended pharmaceuticals.

"D-Ribose: Energize your heart, save your life, rejuvenate cardiac cellular energy production," by Julius Goepp, M.D.:

"Some exciting studies have emerged showing how D-Ribose affects active human heart tissue and its function. Investigators have shown how increased ATP levels translate into improved heart muscle function, better blood flow, and quicker recovery with protection from the ravages of reperfusion-induced oxidation.

"Ischemic (no blood flow) events such as a heart attack cause areas of the heart muscle to 'hibernate' exactly as if they were awaiting a higher-energy environment to return to their normal rates of activity."

Cardiologists at the Oregon Health Sciences University studied this phenomenon in a group of patients with coronary artery disease, subjecting them to a "thallium stress test."

In this test, patients are injected with a radioactive tracer immediately following moderate exercise, and the distribution of the tracer is followed using special cameras. The patients received either D-Ribose infusion or a placebo. The tests were repeated at four and 24 hours, respectively. The groups were then switched to receive the opposite preparation.

The results were stunning—the images taken just four hours after D-Ribose infusion revealed 21 areas of defective tissue that

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had not been seen in the placebo group, indicating that D-ribose was "waking up" viable areas of heart muscle and helping improve identification of viable ischemic heart muscle.

## Cardioprotection

Survivors of heart attacks face the prospects of permanently damaged heart muscle, which saps the heart's pumping abilities and produces a host of symptoms from mild exercise intolerance to severe congestive heart failure. And, since rehabilitation for practically any heart condition requires regular moderate exercise, it is vital to assure that heart muscle cells optimize ATP levels.

A problem aging humans face is that their heart muscle enlarges and becomes "stiff." The result of this enlargement is a reduction in ability to contract to pump blood out and to relax to allow blood in. People with ventricular hypertrophy often have limited exercise tolerance and their hearts are often especially vulnerable to ischemia and subsequent further damage.

In a study with far-reaching implications for humans, researchers examined the effects of D-Ribose in animals to determine whether the supplement, given in advance, could protect their hearts against experimentally induced ischemia. They also studied the effects of D-Ribose in animals with hypertension and en-

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## DEBATE

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ics about bias in media.

To assume this debate decided the election would be foolhardy. Both candidates performed as to be expected.

Many pundits will argue that Clinton won this debate. That's a fair assessment. She carried herself like a capable politician. Trump did not. He carried himself as an anti-politician, an outsider with little interest in the norms and etiquette of political life. But that's the exact shtick that's gotten him this far in the race and why this is an incredibly close and competitive presidential race that will likely come down to the wire.

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resolve differences in federal policies then and now. It didn't say the NMI may establish another commission to conduct future

discussions. It's a permanent arrangement we no longer could change. Only through the plenary powers of the U.S. Congress could changes be made to the agreement.

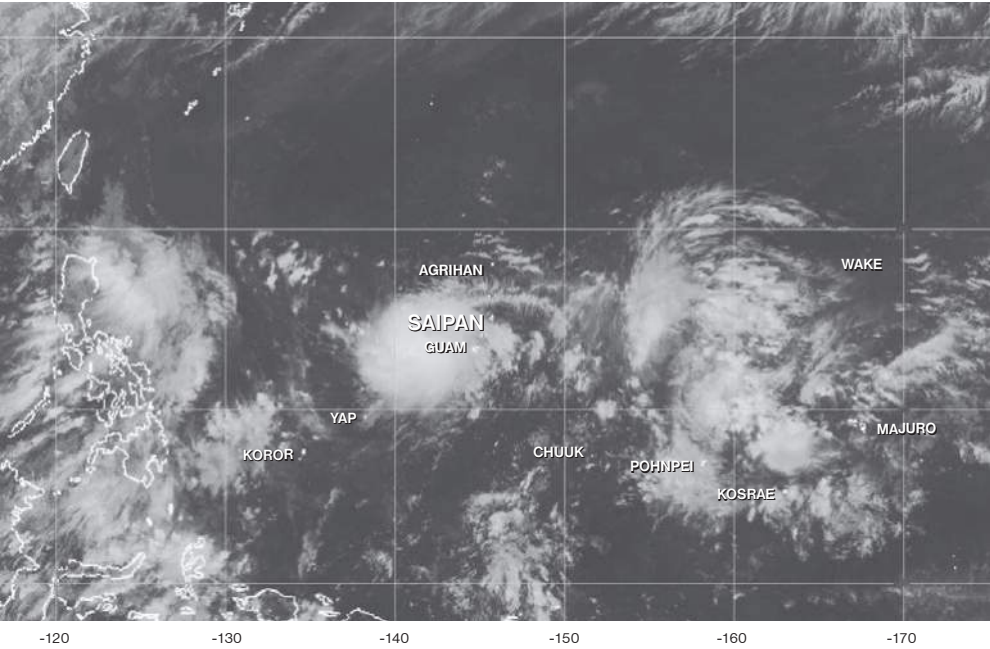
The NMI's dissatisfaction and frustrations are self-inflicted and hasn't been able to navigate its way forward strengthening its democratic institutions to ensure strong governance.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
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Yap	Partly sunny	82 / 89 °F
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Pohnpei	Heavy rain	75 / 83 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	82 / 86 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	83 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Morning clouds	51 / 64 °F
Beijing	Sunny	41 / 70 °F
Hong Kong	Broken clouds	75 / 82 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	74 / 83 °F
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Los Angeles	Haze	64 / 83 °F
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New York	Light rain	61 / 63 °F
Osaka	Partly cloudy	69 / 78 °F
Paris	Mosly cloudy	54 / 64 °F
Pusan	Mostly cloudy	66 / 69 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	55 / 78 °F
Salem	Morning clouds	45 / 72 °F
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
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UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
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UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
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UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A waste of time and resources

I am challenging Sixto and his co-authors to a debate on the CMR Act v the Cannabis Act because the Senate is now wasting funds and time with Senate hearings on a bill that I was asked to improve.

The improvements of the CMR Act have already been made and it is really ludicrous to waste resources on hearings when the work of these hearings has already been done.

Why send me to Colorado to do research when it is not going to be used and literally being ignored for no good reason other than some senators don't like Ambrose which is childish behavior and even dishonorable of an adult Senator. For the Senate to allow Sixto to take proven research and throw it in the trash is dead wrong and a disservice to the people. The people also have

a right to see and hear what their money was spent on with my travel to Colorado for the Senate. So do what you can to promote this challenge that

will surely help the people with this issue.

I am working on summarizing of the research study done in Colorado for next week but you might want to use the picture of me in Colorado for your story if you decide to do it or you can wait to use the picture when I release the

summary of the research for next week. I took the pictures to also show proof that I was in Colorado but I won't say what I did with the marijuana I purchased using the Senate's funds.

**Ambrose Bennett**  
Kagman

## Numbers don't lie

Mr. John DelRosario asked in his recent opinion column the question: What would be the gross revenue if the BGRT is at 5 percent and the government received \$37,000,000.00. Well, math is such a perfect human development and invention. Also, numbers do not lie. The procedure is, we know what was the product of 5 percent of an unknown gross amount, by dividing \$37,000,000.00 into part

of whole of .05, the total gross revenue is \$740,000,000.00. The proof:  $\$740,000,000.00 \times .05 = \$37,000,000.00$ . \$740,000,000.00 is a lot of money. Let us say that we change our mind and explore what 25 percent looks like. The same procedure applies:  $\$740,000,000.00 \times .25 = \$185,000,000.00$ . What we have was a bad deal. And, we should start the conversion

about all the BS (bad stuff), and GS (good stuff) concerning this industry. The CNMI people and its government were taken to the cleaners by unwise and poorly formed decisions by a few who were involved with the impregnation of the integrated casino industry on Saipan.

**Francisco R. Agulto**  
Kanat Tabla

## A bunch of questions

Do you ever wonder if you elect the person of your choice, really know how to make things better?

Do you ever wonder what they have done?

Do you ever wonder if they are lying or not?

I'm sick and tired of those mean high-salary supporters that go around and bully low-salary supporters and never have I seen what accomplishments they did? I wonder if they are not ashamed if we ask them what did you do to deserve so much of our tax dollars.

Last 2014, we all went through so much hardship from the 25 percent Retirement cut, the CUC, the Medical referral, and the scholarship. I wonder if anyone remembers that.

Today with these leaders those things are getting back up. Do you think we should change the incumbent candidates? If you say yes, better come up with a better solutions, because on general election we are going to remind you about it.

Thank you mayor and governor for the staff development workshop your providing the government employees. Can you also, ask your Cabinet or those you're paying a huge amount of tax dollars to make a report to this community of their accomplishment since they are getting paid with a huge amount of dollars from our tax, I believe they owe us that.

**Winfreda Atalig**  
Via email

## D-RIBOSE

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larged heart muscles, the same hypertrophy that so commonly develops in humans with sustained high blood pressure.

The first study results were stunning. The heart muscles of healthy animals given D-Ribose before ischemia held out 25 percent longer before the onset of irreversible injury and had significantly elevated stores of energy-rich glycogen. In human terms, that could translate into valuable extra time for modern emergency medical services to do their part, and could result in dramatically improved survival after stabilization.

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Cardiologists and exercise physiologists are increasingly turning to D-Ribose as a means of "rejuvenating" their patients' cardiac and skeletal muscles and improving their quality of life.

Although D-Ribose supplements are probably not available in the CNMI, they are readily available online. 8 oz. on eBay costs \$26.00; it will last you three months if you take ½ tsp per day in a water or vitamin cocktail.

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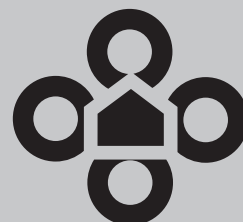
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CNMI turtles are a shared community resource connecting our people's past with our people's future. Help us to conserve sea turtles so future generations may be able to enjoy them also.



## Nat'l SHRM speaker to address membership meeting on Oct. 5

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will be holding a membership meeting on Oct. 5, 2016 from 11:30am to 2:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's. All members of the community are invited to attend. SHRM members are urged to come out and greet our regional director.

As the local chapter of the world's largest organization for human resource practitioners, the CNMI SHRM holds monthly meetings on topics that will assist the Commonwealth's HR and management community in keeping abreast of current HR practices and employment law requirements, as well as providing them training on relevant human resource topics. The CNMI chapter has been active since 1996.

The October SHRM meeting will offer a special opportunity to the community. This month's speaker, Dianna Gould, SHRM-SCP, CAE, has over 20 years of experience in the human resource pro-

fession. Currently she is the Field Services Director for the Pacific West Region for the Society for Human Resource Management. Prior to joining SHRM, she had experience as an HR professional with employers ranging from Fortune 500 companies to start-up firms. She has worked in the high tech, international export, manufacturing, and the service industry. Gould has been an active member with SHRM since 1991 and has served in a variety of leadership roles during that time.

Gould's topic at the October meeting will be "Effective Workplace Communication: Promoting Success through a Culture of Trust and Belief."

The program discusses how SHRM and other research studies indicate that effective workplace communication plays a key role in business success. For HR professionals, the ability to communicate effectively is a critical competency to be able to contribute to that success. In this session, you will learn the ben-

efits of effective workplace communication, strategies for building a culture of trust and belief, the importance of effective communication as an HR competency, and the skills you need to develop to be a proficient communicator.

The attendance fee is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-SHRM members. Please register with Penny Jones by e-mail at penny.jones@hyatt-saipan.com or contact Penny or Lany by telephone at 323-5867 or 323-5867. Seats are limited, but still available.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 285,000 members in over 165 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at <http://nmichapter.shrm.org>. (PR)

## Humanities council featured in Sunday's 'Your Humanities Half-Hour'



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Scott Russell, council program officer Eulalia V. Arriola, and "Your Humanities Half-Hour" host Catherine Perry Harris pose for a photo inside the studio of Power 99 in Susupe.

Scott Russell, executive director of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, and program officer Eulalia V. Arriola will be featured this Sunday on "Your Humanities Half-Hour."

The show will cover the history of the council and upcoming programs for CNMI Hu-

manities Month this October.

The council is also celebrating its 25th anniversary with a gala dinner and the annual Governor's Humanities Awards on Oct. 28. The keynote will be given by respected poet and environmental activist, Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner.

For more information, please contact staff at 235-4785.

"Your Humanities Half-Hour" is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and airs each Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99 (97.9FM) with host Catherine Perry Harris. (PR)



**Northern Marianas  
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Call for Nominations

## 2016 GOVERNOR'S HUMANITIES AWARDS

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2016 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- **Research and Publication in the Humanities;**
- **Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;**
- **Preservation of CNMI History; and**
- **Outstanding Humanities Teacher** (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, **Lifetime Achievement**, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at [www.northernmarianashumanities.org](http://www.northernmarianashumanities.org).

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and **are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 14 October 2016.**

Awards will be presented during the Governor's Humanities Awards which will be held in conjunction with the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's 25th anniversary dinner/fundraiser at the Pacific Islands Club on Friday evening, 28 October 2016.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785.

# Sen. Blas meets with federal officials on veterans' benefits

GUAM—Senator Frank F. Blas Jr. Wednesday met with a Deputy Undersecretary of the U.S. Office of Veterans Affairs regarding assistance for veterans living on Guam and other geographically-disadvantaged areas.

Senator Blas and other lawmakers met with Thomas J. Murphy, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, yesterday morning at the Guam legislature. Discussion from the meeting centered on Resolution No. 302-33 that Senator Blas authored earlier this year. The resolution, which was unanimously passed on May 3, urges Congress to introduce and adopt legislation that would create a special category that provides increased compensation for our veterans.

"The Deputy Undersecretary was briefed on how the current level of service rendered by the Federal government to our veterans is a disservice to the American veterans who chose to reside on Guam and other geographically-challenged regions such as the CNMI, the Republic of Palau, the

Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and American Samoa," Senator Blas said. "Although for many years our region's veterans have waited patiently for the treatment and services afforded to their comrades elsewhere, their patience should no longer be taken for granted."

Senator Blas informed the deputy undersecretary that although treatment and even airfare for veterans who need medical treatment are funded by the U.S. government, there are numerous other costs associated with obtaining off-island medical treatment while maintaining their residences on their islands. The resolution seeks to offset these costs. "While generally the disability rating that a veteran receives is tied to the mental or physical disability he suffers from, the time difference and distance that a veteran from our region has to travel to access services should be recognized as an additional factor that the veteran has to contend with," Blas said.

The senator added that the deputy undersecretary was

visiting the region and even met with veterans in Chuuk who also discussed the financial difficulties they face when needing to go to Hawaii for medical treatment. Yesterday's visit in Guam is the culmination of his trip throughout the region and Murphy told lawmakers this morning that he now understands the difficulties our veterans have since he has personally met with them and has witnessed first-hand the struggles they face.

"I was very encouraged by our dialogue this morning as he indicated that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs may be able to address this issue through their Special Monthly Compensation program already in place," Blas said. "Deputy Undersecretary Murphy indicated he will be bringing a copy of Resolution No. 302-33 to his meetings with other Veterans Affairs officials next week in Washington, D.C. in order to relay my concerns and attempt to address the matter."

For more information, please contact Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr., at 687-1483 or via email at frank.blasjr@gmail.com. (PR)

## Military to conduct training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ Sept. 30 from 6pm to 9:30pm

■ Oct. 1 from noon to 9:30pm

■ Oct. 3 and 7-9 from midnight to 11:55pm

■ Oct. 4 from 8am to 7pm

■ Oct. 6 from 8am to 1:30pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Far-

allon de Medinilla will be on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

## Free workshop for Marianas Veterans History Project set

Join the Veterans History Project and help collect the first-hand stories of Marianas veterans for preservation in the Library of Congress. Sign up for a workshop with oral historian Dr. Luisa Del Guidice to learn more about the project and build your interviewing and documentation techniques.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

■ Tinian: Oct. 4, 10am, Ti-

nian Public Library

■ Rota: Oct. 5, 10am, Northern Marianas College Instructional Site

■ Saipan: Oct. 8, 10am, American Memorial Park Visitors Center.

All workshops are free and open to the public. To register or for more information, contact the Office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan at 323-2647 or email kilili@mail.house.gov. (PR)



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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS AS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC	09/02/2016 SW-2016-X-074	Soil Investigation	Chalan Laulau	Shoreline	Approved, 09/20/2016
2. Kwon & Byun Corp. dba. Saipan Atty Dive	09/06/2016 SLRm-2016-X-075	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 09/15/2016
3. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
4. Stanley T. Torres	09/14/2016 SWm-2016-X-077	Land clearing and Subsistence Farming	Santa Lourdes, As Teo	Wetland	Under Review*
5. Blue Bay Diving Shop	09/09/2016 SLRm-2016-X-078 Amendment	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 09/16/2016
6. Mike Carson, University Of Guam	09/13/2016 SSm-2016-X-079	Archaeological Research	Laolao Beach	Shoreline	Approved, 09/20/2016
7. Saipan Sea Ventures	09/15/2016 SPI-2016-X-080	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 09/20/2016
8. Maria Malua T. Peter	09/19/2016 SSm-2016-X-081	Monument	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved, 09/23/2016
9. Saipan Wave Corporation	09/21/2016 S/TLRm-2016-X-082	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 09/23/2016
10. Docomo Pacific	09/26/2016 S/T/RMS-2016-X-083	Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
11. Saipan TV Production Inc.	09/26/2016 SSM-2016-X-085	Filming & Photography	Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*
12. Commonwealth Ports Authority	09/27/2016 SMS-2003-X-007 Amendment 2016-1	Replace perimeter fence	CPA Airport	Major Siting	Under Review
13. Rota Department of Public Works	09/28/2016 RMS-2016-X-086	Coral Quarry Pit (Mining & Operations)	Igua, Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
14. Fiesta Inc.	03/10/2016 SSm-02-X-211 Amendment 2016-1	3rd Floor Extension	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review
15. Department of Public Works	09/29/2016 SMS-2016-X-088	Route 33, Beach Road Improvement Project	Beach Road, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DR-4235-MP  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID  
ITB16-GOV-180 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters  
for the Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building (Office of the Governor)

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Office are soliciting sealed bids for supply and installation of typhoon shutters for the Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, also known as the Office the Governor on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available September 16, 2016 at the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) in Capitol Hill.**

**Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30-3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees.** All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 10:00 am ChST at the Governor's Office conference room in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Leona DLG, Sablan in writing by e-mail: leona.cip@gmail.com, on or before October 7, 2016 to the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked *ITB16-GOV-180 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters for the Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building*. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST October 17, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST October 17, 2016 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 17, 2016 and the bid documents must be received no later than October 26, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at *10:00 a.m. ChST October 27, 2016*. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at *10:00 a.m. ChST October 17, 2016*.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30-3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Virginia C. Villagomez  
Governor's Authorized Representative

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)** is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAR RENTAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-13.**

One (1) original and four (4) copies of the sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on or before **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the construction of a new car rental building roof repairs and miscellaneous improvements, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being funded by Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages shall be imposed in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00)** per day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Saipan Airport Conference Room, Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan at **10:00 am, September 30, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All perspective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **five percent (5%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Acting Executive Director

Date: September 3, 2016

Pacific highlights shipping as lifeline  
on World Maritime Day 2016

**SUVA, Fiji**—On World Maritime Day yesterday, the Pacific Community is joining with Pacific Island countries and territories to highlight the unique place of shipping in the region with the message: "Shipping is the lifeline of Pacific Island countries and territories."

United by ocean like no other region on Earth, communities in the Pacific Islands depend on shipping to supply essential goods and commodities, such as food, fuel, building materials and vehicles, and to provide access to international markets for exports.

More than 90 percent of trade in the Pacific Islands region is carried by ships, and the region's world renowned seafaring heritage has built up over hundreds of years.

The 2016 global theme, "Shipping: indispensable to the world," was chosen by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to focus on the critical link between shipping and society, and to raise awareness of the relevance of the IMO's role as the global regulatory body for international shipping.

SPC's Economic Development Division is joining in the celebrations by hosting a half-day forum in Suva, Fiji, with representatives of numerous Pacific Island countries to value the essential role of shipping in the Pacific and discuss cross-cutting issues such as health, women in maritime, ocean governance and maritime training and education.

Remarks from around the Pacific region for World Maritime Day 2016:

Pacific Community

"World Maritime Day has particular resonance in the Pacific Islands region, given the reliance of our communities on dependable, affordable and efficient shipping services," SPC's Deputy Director of Transport, Thierry Nervale, said.

"Pacific Island countries also share many of their well-

qualified seafarers sailing all over the world on ships trading internationally, and therefore, this day gives an opportunity to value their engagement and remember that they are also indispensable to the world," Nervale added.

Fiji

Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji's Chief Executive Officer, John Tunidau, said that this year's theme is important for Fiji as the shipping industry continues to grow in size and number and ships have transformed through the years into a viable, more sustainable and economical means of transportation with 95 percent of cargo being transported by sea.

Kiribati

"We need ships not just to exchange goods but to transport people as well thus, we require that such journeys be conducted in a safe manner on well maintained and manned ships; steering standards in the right direction has been our contribution to domestic and international shipping and we'll continue doing it in the future," Captain Superintendent of Kiribati Marine Training Centre, Boro Lucic, said.

Since 1967, Kiribati Marine Training Centre has trained more than 5,000 seafarers engaged in international trade and will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year.

Papua New Guinea

National Maritime Safety Authority's General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Paul Unas said that Papua New Guinea also marks the day to recognise the efforts made by the maritime sector and the industry in being an enabler for world trade.

"Papua New Guinea has adopted numerous IMO conventions, the three main being: International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and

Watchkeeping for Seafarers," he added.

Samoa

Head of School for Maritime Training Samoa, Fatu Lafoai said that the Samoa Transport Sector Plan is aligned with the theme of this year's World Maritime Day and the Samoa government development strategies embrace the development of the transport sector, which includes the development of the School of Maritime Training and Marine Environmental Research.

Solomon Islands

The Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration (SIMSA) Acting Director of Marine, Captain Tim Harris said that shipping is indispensable at the national level, yet, in the Solomon Islands there is a tendency to take shipping services and our safety at sea for granted.

The status of seafarers is being raised and the comprehension of the importance of the work of SIMSA is becoming more widely recognised.

Captain Harris further stated that Solomon Islands has the fifth largest sea area in the Pacific and 23rd largest in the world; with the help of the Government, SPC, SPREP and IMO, SIMSA will continue to strive to raise the consciousness of all citizens to recognise that shipping is indispensable to the world.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu Maritime College Principal, Richard Coleman, said that the people of the Pacific Islands know more than any other regional group about the importance of the sea for providing trade routes between islands and nations, as well as for populating and cultivating the far flung areas of the Pacific.

"Pacific Islanders were the first explorers and navigators of the seas, and we wholeheartedly share the view that shipping is indispensable to the world," Mr Coleman added. **(PR)**

Water service interruption for South San Vicente

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform its customers of South San Vicente that they will be experiencing a temporary water service interruption on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, from 8am to 4pm, as AIC Marianas, Inc. CUC's contractor, completes the connection of the new Sailing Drive water main to the existing water main along Dandan Road. The contractor will be installing a tee and two valves to connect the newly

installed main to the existing main at Sailing Drive.

CUC and its contractor will be working hard to return water service to its customers in the affected areas as soon as possible

Areas Affected:

Dandan Road from the traffic light south towards the Dandan baseball field, Kuntan Huda Drive, Sailing Drive, Sun Rise Place, Bay View Place, Fishing Place, Walking Place, and Adios Place.

About the project

This project is part of the Sailing Drive 8-inch Waterline Extension Project and is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

CUC apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from this water service interruption.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(PR)**

# Business

## US soda-tax battle bubbles up in San Francisco Bay Area

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—The national fight over sugary soda is bubbling up in the San Francisco Bay Area, where voters in November will consider a tax on the drinks that many health experts say contribute to diabetes, obesity and tooth decay.

Backers of the campaign say a penny-per-ounce tax is needed in San Francisco, Oakland and tiny Albany to curb consumption of sweetened cola, sports drinks and canned teas that people gulp without thinking, adding empty calories.

Opponents, however, say a “grocery tax” will lead to higher prices on other goods, hurting small businesses and

customers struggling to survive in one of the country’s most expensive places. They also warn that city leaders can use the money however they want, despite talk of putting it toward health programs.

“We work so hard to keep the price low as much as possible, and we work every day to continue to stay in business,” said Adel Alghazali, who recently talked to reporters at his produce market in the low-income Mission District.

Only a couple of other U.S. cities have adopted such a tax. Voters in Berkeley approved a penny-per-ounce soda tax in 2014. And Philadelphia did so in June, taxing diet drinks as well. The American Beverage



**AP**  
Soft drink and soda bottles are displayed in a refrigerator at El Ahorro market in San Francisco, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016.

funded largely by the American Beverage Association reserving nearly \$10 million in television ad time. Meanwhile, soda tax advocate and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has donated about \$1.7 million to the San Francisco campaign and more than \$2 million to the Oakland campaign.

This is San Francisco’s second try at a soda tax. In 2014, a similar proposal failed to get enough votes for a “dedicated” tax, which requires a two-thirds approval. This year, backers went for a “general” tax, which requires a simple majority and doesn’t stipulate how the revenue is spent.

## Wells Fargo CEO set to face lawmakers with better defense

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Wells Fargo’s CEO, newly stripped of tens of millions in compensation in a scandal over sales practices, will face lawmakers with more defenses than he had in the last round, when some senators called for his resignation.

Chief Executive John Stumpf comes into Thursday’s hearing before the House Financial Services Committee able to cite the millions he and another top executive will forfeit, her departure from the bank, and an earlier date for the aggressive sales quotas to end.

Whether the unusual take-back from his salary and stock will be enough to save Stumpf’s job is hard to say, and his testimony at Thursday’s session could play a role.

It was “a step in the right direction, but there are still dozens of unanswered questions,” said Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, the Senate Banking Committee’s senior Democrat. He and the other Democrats on the panel asked Stumpf on Wednesday to answer a series of 58 questions, including nearly two dozen that they said he failed to answer at the hearing last week or for which he promised to provide fuller information.

“We still don’t know how many customers were harmed and how long this fraud continued,” Brown said in a statement. “We also don’t know

how many low-paid employees got fired for failing to meet quotas that Wells Fargo now recognizes were too high.”

Bank employees, in a feverish drive to meet sales targets, opened up to 2 million fake deposit and credit card accounts without customers’ knowledge, issued and activated debit cards, and signed people up for online banking without permission, according to regulators. The abuses are said to have gone on for years, unchecked by senior management.

U.S. and California regulators fined San Francisco-based Wells Fargo \$185 million. California Treasurer John Chiang also said Wednesday he’s suspending some of the state’s business with the bank. He plans to stop using Wells Fargo as the managing underwriter on certain categories of bond sales, will avoid buying Wells Fargo securities and won’t use the bank as a broker for investment purchases for the next 12 months.

Chiang also said Stumpf should resign, and that the Wells Fargo board should separate the chairman and CEO positions that he now holds.

The consumer banking giant, which is also the biggest U.S. mortgage lender, fired about 5,300 employees starting in 2011 in connection with the sales practices. The revelations sparked investigations by federal agencies and bipartisan outrage in Congress.

Association is suing to prevent the 1.5-cent-per-ounce tax from taking effect in January.

Bay Area success this fall could tip the national conversation, said Lawrence Gostin,

a global health law professor at Georgetown University and tax supporter. Voters in Boulder, Colorado, also will decide on a soda tax measure Nov. 8.

“Not long ago, it would

have been unthinkable to tax soda, and now, not only are we thinking about it, we’re doing it,” Gostin said.

The Bay Area campaign battle is costly, with opponents

## FDA approves ‘artificial pancreas’ to manage diabetes

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Federal regulators have approved a first-of-a-kind “artificial pancreas,” a device that can help some diabetes patients manage their disease by constantly monitoring their blood sugar and delivering insulin as needed.

The device from Medtronic was approved Wednesday for patients with Type 1 diabetes, the kind usually diagnosed during childhood. About 5 percent of the nation’s 29 million Americans with diabetes have this type.

Doctors said they have long awaited a device that could

help patients around the clock.

“I can’t wait to get my hands on it because I can think of a lot of our patients who need this,” said the Cleveland Clinic’s Dr. Betul Hatipoglu. “Now I have a helper who is going to help me to help them.”

Type 1 diabetes patients now have to manage their insulin through multiple injections throughout the day or a drug pump that delivers it through a tube. Their own pancreas doesn’t make insulin, a hormone needed to turn food into energy. They face increased risks of dangerously high blood-sugar levels, heart

disease and many other health problems.

The new MiniMed 670G consists of a drug pump, a sensor that measures blood sugar and a tube that delivers the insulin. The sensor measures sugar levels every 5 minutes, infusing or withholding insulin as needed. Patients still have to manually increase insulin before meals.

Medtronic said the device will cost between \$6,000 and \$9,000, similar to its other insulin pumps.

Older insulin pumps simply deliver a baseline level of insulin, and patients must moni-

tor their sugar levels and give themselves more insulin to keep their blood sugar from getting too high. A big danger is having too much insulin in the body overnight, when blood-sugar levels naturally fall. People can go into comas, suffer seizures and even die.

The Food and Drug Administration said it approved the device based on a three-month study of more than 120 patients. The study reported no major adverse events, such as dangerously low blood sugar, showing that the device is safe for those 14 years and up, regulators said in a release.

## OPEC reaches preliminary accord to curb oil production

**ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)**—OPEC nations reached a preliminary agreement Wednesday to curb oil production for the first time since the global financial crisis eight years ago, in an effort to reduce a global glut of crude that has depressed oil prices for more than two years and weakened the economies of oil-producing nations.

The deal was reached after several hours of talks in the Algerian capital, though output levels must still be finalized at an OPEC meeting in

Vienna in November.

The preliminary deal will limit output from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to between 32.5 million and 33 million barrels per day, said Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, Qatar’s energy minister and current president of OPEC. Current output is estimated at 33.2 million barrels per day.

Benchmark U.S. crude jumped \$2.38, or 5.3 percent, to close at \$47.05 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the

international standard, was up \$2.72, or 5.9 percent, to \$48.69 a barrel in London.

Long-running disagreements between regional rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran had dimmed hopes for a deal at Wednesday’s talks.

Iran had been resistant to cutting production, as it’s trying to restore its oil industry since emerging from international sanctions over its nuclear program earlier this year. According to Wednesday’s deal, Iran will be allowed to increase production

to 3.7 million barrels a day, according to Algerian participants at the meeting. It is currently estimated to be pumping around 3.6 million but had been aiming for 4 million per day.

The deal was a victory for Algerian officials who shuttled overnight Tuesday and all day Wednesday among participants to try to reach common ground on how to support oil markets. The OPEC officials met informally on the sidelines of an energy conference in Algiers.

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Canadian Dollar	1.3087	Swiss Franc	0.9714
Chinese Yuan	6.6702	Taiwan Dollar	31.345
Euro	0.8909	Thailand Baht	34.62

# Nation

## Authorities: School shooter killed father before rampage

TOWNVILLE, S.C. (AP)—A teenager who killed his father at their home Wednesday was stopped by a volunteer firefighter as he opened fire outside a South Carolina elementary school, wounding two students and a teacher, authorities said.

The teen was apprehended within minutes of the shooting in this rural town about 110 miles northeast of Atlanta. One student was shot in the leg and the other in the foot, Capt. Garland Major with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office said. Both students were male. The female teacher was hit in the shoulder.

"We are heartbroken about this senseless act of violence," said Joanne Avery, superintendent of Anderson County School District 4. She canceled classes at the school for the rest of the week.

Authorities said the shooting spree began at the teen's house about two miles from the school, where he gunned down his 47-year-old father, Jeffrey Osborne. Authorities have not released the suspect's



name or age beyond saying that he's a teen.

Crying and upset, the teen called his grandmother's cellphone at 1:44 p.m., Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said. The grandparents couldn't understand what was going on, so they went to his home just 100 yards away. When they got there, they

found Osborne had been shot and their grandson was gone.

About one minute later, authorities received a 911 call from Townville Elementary School.

Sheriff John Skipper said the shooter drove a vehicle into the school parking lot and immediately started firing a handgun as he got out and moved toward

the school. He did not know who the vehicle was registered to, and he declined to say how many shots were fired.

The shooter never entered the school building, though, and was apprehended by firefighter Jamie Brock, a 30-year veteran of the Townville Volunteer Fire Department.

Television images showed

Lilly Chapman, 8, cries after being reunited with her father, John Chapman at Oakdale Baptist Church on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, in Townville, S.C.

officers swarming the school after the report of an active shooter. Some were on top of the roof while others were walking around the building. Students were driven away on buses accompanied by police officers.

Skipper didn't have specifics on how Brock stopped the teen: "I think he just took him down."

He said the fire station is close to the school and Brock arrived before others officers responding to the dispatch.

"Firefighter Brock is absolutely a hero," said Scott Stoller with Anderson County



Emergency Management. But he says Brock "wants to remain humble and quiet about it" as he believes "he did nothing any of the other volunteer firefighters wouldn't have done."

## California officer guns down refugee in 'shooting stance'

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP)—The fatal police shooting of a Ugandan refugee who drew something from his pocket and extended his hands in a "shooting stance" happened about a minute after officers in a San Diego suburb arrived where a distraught man was reportedly walking in traffic, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

It took police more than an hour to respond because of other calls, El Cajon Lt. Rob Ransweiler said. Officers arrived at a parking lot next to a Mexican fast-food restaurant about 2:10 p.m., and Alfred Olango, who was unarmed, was shot about a minute later, police said.

Mayor Bill Wells said he was concerned how quickly

the shooting took place, though he said video taken by a bystander was enlightening and he didn't think it was "tremendously complicated to figure out what happened."

Police said the man had refused to comply with instructions to remove a hand from his pants pocket and paced back and forth before rapidly drawing an object from the pocket. The item turned out to be an electronic cigarette device, police said late Wednesday.

Some protesters said he was shot while his hands were raised in the air, though police disputed that and produced a single frame from the cellphone video to support their account.

## Congress rebukes Obama, overrides veto of 9/11 legislation

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a resounding rebuke, Democrats joined with Republicans Wednesday to hand Barack Obama the first veto override of his presidency, voting overwhelmingly to allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts for its alleged backing of the attackers.

Both the House and Senate voted decisively to reverse Obama's decision to scuttle the legislation. Democrats in both chambers abandoned the president in large numbers despite warnings from Obama and top national security officials that flaws in the bill could put U.S. interests, troops, and intelligence personnel at risk.

The Senate vote was 97-1, with only Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., backing the president. The House vote a few hours later was 348-77, with 123 Democrats rebuffing the president and voting to override. Obama said during a CNN interview that overriding his veto was a mistake that may set a "dangerous precedent."

Lawmakers said their priority wasn't Saudi Arabia, but the 9/11 victims and their families who continue to demand justice 15 years after attackers killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, the Washington, D.C., area, and Pennsylvania. Fifteen of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis.

### Message of Appreciation

† Emilia  
Pangelinan  
Palacios



We the children and family of our beloved, would like to extend our praise and acceptance of the Will of our Lord God Almighty. May our loved one find solace and peace in the arms of our Savior and rejoice in her new life.

Words cannot adequately express our profound gratitude and sincere appreciation to all our friends and family for all the kind words of comfort and for taking the time to join us in the Celebration of the Eucharist in honor of our beloved †Emilia Pangelinan Palacios.

Your prayers, love, support and condolences have helped us tremendously during this most difficult time, giving us courage and strength to accept the Will of God no matter how painful and difficult. Know that you are treasured in our hearts and will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you & Dangkulo na si Yu'us Ma'ase

From the Family

# Asia

## PH's Duterte to scrap future war games with US

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said he was giving notice to the United States, his country's long-standing ally, that joint exercises of Filipino and American troops next week will be the last such drills.

He told the Filipino community in Hanoi late Wednesday night that he will maintain the military alliance with the U.S. because of the countries' 1951 defense treaty. But added next week's exercises will proceed only because he did not want to

embarrass his defense secretary.

Duterte said during a two-day visit to meet Vietnam's leaders that he wants to establish new trade and commercial alliances with China and Russia, and that the war games were something Beijing does

not want.

"I would serve notice to you now that this will be the last military exercise," he said. "Jointly, Philippines-US, the last one."

"I will maintain the military alliance because there is an RP-US pact which our countries signed in the early '50s," he said, referring to the Republic of the Philippines. "I will es-



Duterte

tablish new alliances for trade and commerce and you are scheduled to hold war games again, which China does not want."

Duterte has had an uneasy relationship with the United States since he won a presidential election in May. He says he is charting a foreign policy not dependent on the U.S., and has taken steps to

revive ties with China, which had been strained under his predecessor over longstanding territorial conflicts in the South China Sea.

Earlier this month, he said he would not allow government forces to conduct joint patrols of disputed waters near the South China Sea with foreign powers, apparently scrapping a deal his predecessor reached with the U.S. military earlier this year.

## Pakistan says India will 'disintegrate' when Kashmir is free

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—Pakistan's defense minister on Wednesday said India will "disintegrate" when Kashmir gains independence, in a sign of mounting tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif told The Associated Press that Pakistan will continue to extend moral support to the people of the disputed Himalayan region, which is split between Pakistani and Indian control but claimed in its entirety by both.

"When the freedom movement in Kashmir succeeds, it will be beginning of the end of India," he said. Asif said the sacrifices of Kashmiri people will not be in vain and that "India will disintegrate and it will not remain united" when

Kashmir gains independence.

He said Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has tried to improve ties with India, but "we did not get a positive response from them."

Sharif attended a high-level security meeting on Wednesday in which he expressed concern over human rights violations in Indian-controlled Kashmir. The meeting "condemned the brutal use of force by Indian security forces" in Kashmir, according to a government statement.

Sharif said Pakistan will continue to extend moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people until their aspirations are met.

"Pakistan has shown unequalled and unprecedented

restraint despite great provocation" from India, the statement said.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 32 people missing in China landslides following typhoon

**BEIJING (AP)**—At least 32 people were reported missing Thursday after rain-saturated hillsides collapsed onto villages in southeastern China following a typhoon. A rescue operation was underway in Sucun village in China's Zhejiang province, south of the financial hub of Shanghai, after it was hit by a landslide on Wednesday evening, leaving 26 missing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported. Another six people are missing in Baofeng village, also in Zhejiang, after a landslide destroyed their homes. The landslides were triggered by torrential rain brought by Typhoon Megi, which lashed southeastern China on Wednesday. The storm had already killed at least five people in China and Taiwan, and forced the closure of schools and offices and the cancellation of hundreds of flights.

#### Seoul says North Korean soldier crosses the border to defect

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—South Korea's military says a North Korean soldier has crossed the border between rivals to defect to the South. South Korea's Joint Chief of Staff said that military officials were investigating the North Korean soldier who crossed the military demarcation line Thurs-

day inside the 4-kilometer-wide (2.5-mile-wide) Demilitarized Zone that separates the countries. The military provided no other details. The Koreans have shared the world's most heavily fortified border since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. The conflict ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula in a technical state of war.

#### Afghan official: Airstrike hits house, killing 13 civilians

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—An airstrike hit a residential building in eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, killing 13 civilians, an Afghan official said. Most airstrikes in Afghanistan are carried out by the United States, and while Afghanistan has its own warplanes, another Afghan official said they had not carried out any strikes in the area. The U.S. military said it had carried out a "counterterrorism airstrike" in the area, and was investigating reports of Afghan casualties. Esmatullah Shinwari, a lawmaker from the volatile eastern Nangarhar province, told The Associated Press that a crowd had gathered at the house in Achin district, near the Pakistani border, to welcome home a tribal leader returning from the annual hajj pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. At least 12 people were wounded in the strike, including the tribal leader, he said.

In Loving Memory of

*Ana Rosario Camacho-Ali*

Better known as Nan Nena

November 6, 1936 – September 23, 2016  
Was called home by Our Heavenly Father  
at the age of 79

*In Her New Life, †Ana will be met at the gate of heaven by her:*

**Parents:** †Juan Castro Camacho and †Josepha Rosario Camacho  
**Grandson:** †John Robert DLCruz Nawaz  
**Brothers/Sisters/Sisters-in-Law:** †Juana Rosario Camacho  
†Thomas Rosario Camacho & †Caridad Taitano Camacho  
†Antonio Rosario Camacho  
†Lodrigio Rosario Camacho & †Soledad Babauta Camacho  
†Merced Rosario Camacho

*†Ana's Love and Memories will forever remain in the hearts of her:*

**Husband:** Abu T. Ali  
**Daughter:** Charlotte DLCruz & Rab Nawaz (Frank, Ohmar & Roberta, Shawn, Leila)  
**Brothers/Sisters:** †Juana Rosario Camacho  
†Thomas Rosario Camacho & †Caridad Taitano Camacho and children  
†Antonio Rosario Camacho & children  
†Lodrigio Rosario Camacho & †Soledad Babauta Camacho and children  
†Merced Rosario Camacho & child  
Rita Rosario Camacho & children

*She will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.*

Daily Mass of intention is being offered at San Roque Church at 6pm followed by Holy Rosary.  
Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016; Our beloved †Ana will be escorted from CHC Morgue to San Roque Church at 7am. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am followed by Interment Services at San Roque Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase  
Please join us in prayers

**The Family**

# World

## Syrian govt attacks 2 hospitals, bread line in Aleppo

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Government shelling and airstrikes in Syria's Aleppo landed near a bread distribution center and two hospitals Wednesday, killing seven people and putting at least one of the medical facilities completely out of service, activists and medics said.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon described the conditions in eastern, rebel-held Aleppo as worse than a "slaughterhouse" at a Security Council meeting.

"Those using ever more destructive weapons know exactly what they are doing—they know they are committing war crimes,"

Ban said, without naming any countries. Syria's government is waging a major offensive in Aleppo and both Syria and Russia are carrying out airstrikes on the city.

Doctors Without Borders, which supported both of the hospitals damaged Wednesday, said a "brutal and relentless onslaught from air and land" has left eastern Aleppo with just seven surgical doctors to treat a population of some 250,000.

The head of the organization, also known by its French acronym MSF, said people are being taken off life support

because of a "multitude" of wounded, and doctors in eastern Aleppo are left to "await their own deaths."

Joanna Liu called the war "a race to the bottom," and called on the U.N. Security Council to "enact an absolute prohibition of attacks on medical facilities."

Aref al-Aref, a nurse at M2, one of the hospitals, said government shelling hit the bread distribution center near the city center before dawn. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Aleppo Media Center said six people were killed

outside the center.

As the wounded were brought into the hospital, one of five shells fired in a sequence fell at the emergency entrance, killing a person who was accompanying a wounded patient, al-Aref said.

He said the shelling damaged the hospital and put parts of it out of service.

He said three hospital staff members were wounded. Later, an airstrike hit near the hospital without wounding anyone, he said.

In another attack, an airstrike hit near a hospital in the northern part of the rebel-held area, cutting off electricity and water supplies. Mohammed Abu Rajab, head of the M10

hospital, the largest of eight hospitals in eastern Aleppo, said the intensive care unit was most affected, as the generators and the oxygen supplies were knocked out.

Abu Rajab said the ICU patients had to be moved to another facility. Water supplies and the hospital's fuel tanks were also hit, he said.

## Arabs greet Peres death with silence and animosity

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israel's Shimon Peres was widely admired around the world as a peacemaker and visionary, but the view in the Arab world was more complex: Memories linger of another Peres, who built up Israel's military might, waged war in Lebanon and promoted policies seen as harmful to the Palestinians.

In a reflection of this sentiment, Peres' death on Wednesday was greeted with official silence across the Arab world—in sharp contrast to the emotional tributes that poured in from the West.

While a long list of Western dignitaries prepared to descend upon Jerusalem for Peres' funeral on Friday, no Arab leaders are yet scheduled to come. Even Egypt and Jordan, the two countries that have peace accords with Israel, had no official reaction Wednesday.

Arad Nir, the foreign affairs commentator for Channel 2 TV, said it would be "very sad" if the people who Peres negotiated with did not attend the funeral. "It puts a question mark on Shimon Peres' vision, his life's mis-

sion: Peace," he said.

The silence reflects the animosity toward Israel in the Arab world, particularly at a time when the peace process Peres helped launch has collapsed and Arab anger is high at the hard-line policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The Israeli-Palestinian issue is not high on the region's agenda these days, amid other wars and crises, noted Michael W. Hanna, a Middle East expert at the New York-based Century Foundation.

"Besides, Peres left behind a complicated legacy," he said.

Peres gained worldwide fame—and a Nobel Peace Prize—as the architect of the historic Oslo interim peace accords with the Palestinians in the mid-1990s. Late in life, he established a "peace center" in Tel Aviv that promoted coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians, and as the nation's president he used the global stage to call for peace.

But in the Arab world, especially among Palestinians, many saw Peres' vision of peace as all talk.

"He often presented himself

as a man of peace, but no one in the Arab world really believed him," said Abdullah el-Sennawy, a prominent Egyptian columnist. "Whenever there was war, he was there."

As one of Israel's founding fathers, Peres was associated with the "naqba," or catastrophe, that befell the Palestinians in the war surrounding Israel's creation, when hundreds of thousands fled or were forced from their homes.

"Peres was a significant contributor to the historic injustice that occurred to the Palestinian people," Ghassan Khatib, a former Palestinian government spokesman in the West Bank, wrote on his Facebook page.

As a Defense Ministry official during the 1950s, he helped turn Israel into a regional military power and played a central role in secretly developing what is widely believed to be a sizable nuclear arsenal. And after Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war, Peres was an early defender of efforts to build Jewish settlements in the occupied territory—a position he would later abandon.

## UN says EU may ratify Paris Agreement soon

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—The Paris Agreement on Climate Change appears likely to enter into force with India announcing that it has ratified the agreement and the EU signaling it may ratify within the next few days, officials said.

The two ratifications would mean countries accounting for nearly 65 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions will have approved the accord, which is set to take effect 30 days after 55 countries accounting for 55 percent of emissions deposit their ratification instruments with the U.N.

Currently 61 countries accounting for nearly 48 percent of emissions have joined the accord.

"We've heard that the European Union may deposit its ratification instruments with us much sooner than we had expected, which would

be tremendous news because that would put us over the top in terms of the percentage of emissions, because we're already there in terms of the number of countries needed," U.N. Spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Wednesday.

If that were to happen before Oct. 7 the next U.N. conference on climate change set to take place in Marrakech would begin on Nov. 7 with the agreement already in force, something Dujarric said "would send a very strong signal to the rest of the world."

Indian officials, who declined to be identified because they were not authorized to speak with the press, said India, accounting for about 4.5 percent of emissions, ratified the agreement on Wednesday and planned to deposit the ratification instruments with the U.N. on Oct. 2, the an-

niversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth.

Germany ratified the accord on Sept. 23 but EU rules require European countries, responsible for around 12 percent of emissions, to deposit their ratifications as a bloc when all 28 members have approved the deal.

Diplomats and media reports said the EU hoped to speed the process at a meeting later this week and finalize approval by Oct. 7.

The Paris Agreement asks both rich and poor countries to take action to curb the rise in global temperatures that is melting glaciers, raising sea levels and shifting rainfall patterns. It requires governments to present national plans to reduce emissions to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit).

### Message of Appreciation



We, the family of the late

### †Dionicio Salas Camacho

extends our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation to the many families and friends from near and far, who stood by us during the most difficult moments of our lives. Your companionship at the masses of intentions and nightly rosaries, words of comfort, support, kindness and most especially your outpouring love that embraced us, as we endure the pain of our great loss but most of all for being with us on his final journey.

Also, a special THANK YOU to Reverend Fr. Ken Hezel, altar server and clergy for prayers and services. St. Jude choir for gracing us with your music. Elaine Terlaje (Techa) who led us in recitation of Holy Rosary. CHCC – Dr. Grauman & staff. GMH/Clinics – Dr. Taitano, Dr. Borja, Dr. Shei and Staff CNMI and Guam Medical Referral Staff. (AMT) Medical transport (Jonathan & Taylor). The children and family of +Leocardo and +Sabina Mafnas for breakfast preparations. DPS, Mayor's Office, House of Representatives and Senators.

To our family whom we left out from Obituary, unintentionally, our apologies – Jerry and Joshua Basa, Ashley & Wayne Santos.

Your thoughts and prayers will forever be remembered.

Thank you, Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisoow, Domo Arigato, Salamat Po. May God Bless Us All.

*Mercedes S. Camacho, Children and Family*

# Life & Style

## George Takei gives personal collection to Los Angeles museum

### What time is it? Kitten Bowl IV taping time!

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The furry, fleet-footed pawthletes of Kitten Bowl IV didn't exactly have the plays down Wednesday at the taping of the annual cuteness fest that airs on the Hallmark Channel each Super Bowl Sunday.

Chaos ensued, but it was all good as cameras rolled on a Midtown soundstage, with Beth Stern deftly juggling a few frisky critters during interviews promoting the event.

Stern, the wife of radio jock Howard Stern, is the big-hearted cat ambassador who works all year round with North Shore Animal League of America, urging people to spay, neuter and release and adopt some pets.

One of her on-camera companions, a little player with black fur, was more interested in musing up her

perfect blond hair than talking pre-bowl ball.

"The friskier the better," Stern said as she juggled the four-footed baller. "He loves me. They all love me. Who are we kidding?"

Meanwhile, NFL all-star Boomer Esiason, also known as the "comish" of the Feline Football League, was having some trouble of his own. With the cat puns flying as he shot promos on set, the word "meowment," as in, "We'll be back in a meowment," wasn't going to happen.

You try saying that three times fast!

Also having a bit of a day, along with good fun, was NBC sportscaster Mary Carillo, a returnee to help call the big game despite a cat allergy that had her itching and reaching for hand sanitizer.

"There's no other sport

that I cover that I need to do this 472 times a day," she laughed. "I'm a sport, but I love it. It's my favorite of all the sports, watching kittens play because they don't treat it like a sport. They treat it like a game, and they often don't really seem to treat it like anything. They're just hugely distracted by all of us."

What about the rule book? "Oh yeah, I'd like to see that rule book," Carillo said. "The rules for kittens are fuzzy. They seem not to have cracked open any of the rule books."

Stern is an old pro. This is her fourth Kitten Bowl.

"We've got some fun additions to make it a little different but it's just a hundred cats and kittens here ultimately are going to find loving homes at the end of this and that's really what this is all about," she said.

During halftime, watch for a "Cirque du Paw-leil" play on the theatric acrobatic shows usually performed by humans. And—gasp—a puppy band, complete with bite-size instruments and little hats.

The Sterns are big-time foster parents to homeless kittens—more than 300 in all over the last couple of years. Howard is the official name-giver of their temporary charges, and Beth is the hunter of permanent homes, but letting go isn't easy.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Actor and activist George Takei is donating a trove of art and artifacts from his life and career to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

The museum announced the gift Wednesday and said the collection will be featured in an exhibition next year. "New Frontiers: The Many Worlds of George Takei" is

set to open March 12, 2017.

Takei's collection includes photos, sculptures, scripts and other memorabilia from his "Star Trek" days, as well as his run for Los Angeles City Council in 1973 and the Olympic torch he carried ahead of the



Takei

1984 games in Los Angeles.

Takei's most recent acting credit was in the animated "Kubo and the Two Strings." The 79-year-old entertainer is an activist for gay rights and spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign.

## Brad Pitt skips film premiere to focus on 'family situation'

**LOS ANGELES**

**(AP)**—Brad Pitt is skipping his first public appearance after last week's split with Angelina Jolie Pitt. He says he won't attend the premiere of Terrence Malick's new



Pitt

documentary Wednesday night as scheduled.

Pitt, who narrates "Voyage of Time," said in a statement Wednesday that he's grateful to have been part of the project, but is "currently focused on my family situation and don't want to distract attention away from this extraordinary

film."

Pitt has yet to file a response in the divorce case. Jolie Pitt cited irreconcilable differences in her Sept. 20 filing to end their two-year marriage, and she is seeking sole custody of the couple's six children.

The FBI says it's continuing to evaluate whether to investigate Pitt's reported involvement in a fight aboard a private jet carrying his family on Sept. 14. The incident led to allegations that Pitt was abusive to his 15-year-old son,

and several media outlets have also reported the actor is under investigation by a child welfare agency.

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services will not say whether it is investigating the incident.

Jolie Pitt's divorce filing lists the day after the flight as when the couple separated. Her lawyer said the actress decided to divorce "for the health of the family."

Pitt's next film after "Voyage of Time" is Robert Zemeckis' World War II drama "Allied," set for release in November.

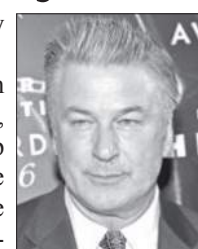
## Alec Baldwin's very big deal: playing Donald Trump on 'SNL'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—"Saturday Night Live" has made a YUGE decision: It has chosen Alec Baldwin to impersonate GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump.

NBC announced this deal Wednesday with a promo on social media, just days before "SNL" begins its 42nd season and little more than a month before voters choose between Trump and his Democratic

opponent, Hillary Clinton.

Baldwin, a veteran "SNL" guest host, will debut his Trump impression opposite cast member Kate McKinnon's continuing turn as Clinton. Trump had previously been played by announcer Darrell Hammond and by the now-departed Taran Killam.



Baldwin

Previously, "SNL" went over the heads of its cast to select Larry David to play former presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders.

Saturday's premiere features Margot Robbie as guest host, with musical guest The Weeknd. It airs at 11:30 p.m. EDT.



AP

Kittens run around a miniature football field on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, during the taping of Kitten Bowl IV in New York, an annual special that airs on the Hallmark Channel each Super Bowl Sunday.

## Basic voting information is available just a click away

**DEAR ABBY:** Election Day is just over a month away. As it approaches, many people have questions about voting that could keep them away from the polls this November.

USAGov can help. We're the federal program that connects Americans to government information and services. Responding to questions from people across the country, we created an online guide to voting and elections at [USA.gov/voting](http://USA.gov/voting).

Our goal is to equip everyone with the basic information they need to register and get their vote counted. The information is free, easy to understand and nonpartisan.

There, readers can begin the registration process for their state or contact their local election office to update their voter information, learn what form of identification may be needed and the location of their polling place. We also provide information on how to vote early or absentee—which is helpful for those who can't get out to vote, or who serve overseas in the military. Learn about sample ballots, tips for researching candidates, accessibility laws for voters with disabilities and much more.

Abby, thank you for sharing [USA.gov/voting](http://USA.gov/voting) with your readers, and for your long partnership in connecting them with information from their government to make their lives a little less complicated.

NANCY TYLER, SENIOR EDITOR, USA.GOV

**DEAR NANCY:** You are welcome. Readers, in the 2012 presidential election, less than half (42 percent) of Americans who were eligible to vote did so. A person who has the right to vote and doesn't is no better off than the millions of people in this world who do not have that privilege. We are fortunate to live in a country where citizens are allowed to cast a ballot. The direction our country takes domestically and internationally is to a great extent determined by the citizens who exercise that right.

Regular, absentee and early voting all have registration deadlines that vary state by state—some as much as a month before Election Day, which is Nov. 8. So visit the voter registration section of [USA.gov/voting](http://USA.gov/voting), where you will find a button to begin the registration process.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in an office where employee badges are issued and used to gain access to the building itself and to more sensitive areas. I know most of the people who work here and happily hold the door open for them, but there are also a lot of people I don't know—some with badges indicating they work here, and others without identification.

I don't want to let in someone who does not belong here and risk our safety and security. Would it be better to ask for ID before holding doors? What about friendly visitors?

BUILDING ACCESS IN BOISE

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR BOISE:** Companies pay large sums of money to ensure their buildings are secure. If someone doesn't have an access card or a security badge, you should not hold the door open regardless of how friendly the person appears to be. To do otherwise circumvents the security and safety of the building and puts everyone—including yourself—at risk.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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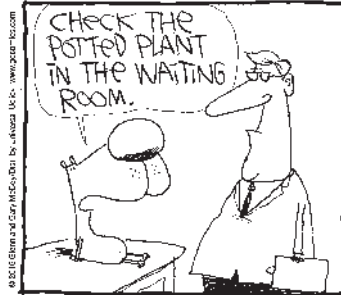
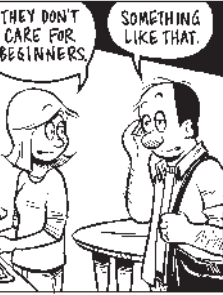
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lacey Chabert, 34; Marion Cotillard, 41; Jenna Elfman, 45; Fran Drescher, 59.

Happy Birthday: View your position honestly. Accepting the inevitable will help you move forward. Gravitate toward pastimes that are compatible with the way you feel and which bring you the support you need in order to thrive professionally. Divert any negativity that is directed at you by offering positive solutions and refusing to get involved in an unnecessary scrimmage. Your numbers are 1, 7, 14, 23, 31, 35, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get angry; get busy. Taking control and doing what needs to be done without making a fuss will be far more satisfying than stewing over things and letting them get to you. Choose compassion over being mean-spirited.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll face opposition if you are too boisterous about what you can do. Someone will put pressure on you to live up to your promises. Look for a clever way to improve your efficiency and you'll bypass criticism. Update your appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look at your options and put your skills to work. Networking will help you find out what everyone else is up to, allowing you to tweak your skills to fit the current job market. A presentation will help you get ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep a low profile. Work on self-improvement, not trying to change others. A new interest will capture your attention. Throw yourself

into learning and honing new skills. A romantic gesture or offering a compromise will help improve a personal relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep an open mind, but don't agree to do something without doing the research first. Take care of your health by making positive changes to your eating and exercise habits as well as easing stressful situations by learning to say "no."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll question what you are doing. The choices you've made will leave you wondering about what could have been. Rely on your own sense of practicality to help see you through the challenges you are facing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face opposition at home if you are too vocal about the way you feel. Take time to sort through the pros and cons of a complicated situation, and look for a suitable solution before you get into a debate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone will take advantage of you if you let your emotions get tangled up in a money matter. You can offer suggestions, but don't pay for someone else's mistakes. Put your money, time and effort into home and personal improvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get a grip on the difficult tasks before you. Someone will toy with your feelings. Keep your personal and business lives separate. Focus on your goals and get your work out of the way before engaging in personal activities.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let a controversial situation tie up your time or cost you emotionally or financially. Someone will want more than you are willing to give. Offer an incentive, but not more money. Romance is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dig deep and you'll discover a way to increase your assets. Signing contracts, negotiating fees and making an offer will help you forge ahead and could set the stage for financial gains and a higher profile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll face opposition and controversy when dealing with work-related matters. Don't give anyone the edge by sharing information that can be twisted to make you look bad. Protect your reputation and your position. Trust in yourself.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, proud and courageous. You are aggressive and outspoken.

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SUDOKU Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 9/30

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

LOAM Solution: 8 letters

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# Mickelson promises prepared US team at Ryder Cup

**CHASKA, Minn. (AP)**—Two days before the Ryder Cup, Phil Mickelson went back 12 years to drive home a point that the Americans are prepared to play their best golf.

And along the way, he disparaged yet another former captain.

This time, his target was Hal Sutton.

Mickelson was the catalyst for change at the last Ryder Cup when he publicly questioned Tom Watson's heavy-handed style - with Watson sitting at the same table - after another American loss at Gleneagles. That led to the PGA of America creating a task force allowing for player involvement.

"When you look back on what the difference is, when players are put in a position to succeed, more often than not they tend to succeed," Mickelson said. "And when they are put in positions to fail, most of the time they tend to fail."

In a conversation Wednesday on how much a captain matters in the Ryder Cup, Mickelson looked across the room and said, "Let me give you an example, if I may."

He went back to 2004 when the Americans suffered their worst loss ever in the Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills. Nothing illustrated their failure more than when U.S. captain Hal Sutton put Mickelson and Tiger Woods together for the first time. They lost two matches in one day.

Mickelson was lampooned that week for practicing on an adjacent course as he tried to adjust to the golf ball used



by Woods.

"We ended up not playing well. Was that the problem? I mean, maybe," Mickelson said. "But we were told to days before that we were playing together, and that gave us no time to work together and prepare."

Mickelson said having to learn how to hit a different golf ball forced him to abandon his own preparations to get sharp.

"In the history of my career, I have never ball-tested two

days prior to a major," Mickelson said. "It doesn't allow me to play my best. What allows me to play my best is to learn to course, sharpen my touch on the greens, sharpen my chipping out of the rough and ball-striking and so forth. Instead, I'm taking four or five hours, and I'm out trying to learn another ball to allow us to play our best."

Mickelson said he wasn't trying to knock Sutton. He said he liked how decisive

Sutton was that week.

"But that's an example of starting with the captain. That put us in a position to fail. And we failed monumentally, absolutely," he said. "But to say, 'Well, you just need to play better,' that is so misinformed. Because you will play how you prepare."

Sutton was bemused that Mickelson would bring that up now.

"My God, somebody's got to be the fall guy," he told Golfweek magazine. "If it needs to be me, I can be that.

**AP**  
United States' Phil Mickelson gives a thumbs up as he walks to the third hole during a practice round for the Ryder Cup golf tournament Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

what happened. They saw it. I didn't have to cover it up. ... I find it amusing that that's an issue at the 2016 Ryder Cup. I think Phil better get his mind on what he needs to have it on this week instead of on something that happened 10 years ago. ...

"It couldn't be their fault," he said. "It had to be somebody else's fault. It had to be Hal Sutton's fault. Had to be."

U.S. captain Davis Love III said Mickelson was only trying to set the record straight because "some analysts just keep bringing it up over and over and over again," though Mickelson mentioned Oakland Hills unprompted in his news conference.

And Mickelson failed to mention that he switched equipment from Titleist to Callaway a week before the matches.



## Panel warns Tokyo Olympics cost could exceed \$30 billion

**TOKYO (AP)**—An expert panel commissioned by Japan's capital city has warned that the total cost for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics could exceed 3 trillion yen (\$30 billion) unless drastic cost-cutting measures are taken.

The panel on Thursday said the ballooning costs reflect an absence of leadership and a lack of governance and awareness of cost control.

The panel, headed by a Keio University professor, was launched by newly elected Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike after she raised concerns about ever-growing unofficial cost estimates and the potential burden on the city and its taxpayers.

The report reviewed three out of seven permanent venues that Tokyo is planning to build, and proposed using existing locations rather than new facilities that could end up being white elephants.

Meanwhile, in Washington, shortly after Jesse Owens returned home from his snubbing by Adolph Hitler at the 1936 Olympics, he and America's 17 other black Olympians found a less-than-welcoming reception from their own government, as well.

On Thursday, relatives of those 1936 African-American Olympians will be welcomed to the White House and will get to shake the

president's hand - an honor Owens and the others didn't receive, the way some of their white counterparts did, after they returned home from Berlin 80 years ago.

U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun announced the visit Wednesday night at a Team USA Awards ceremony.

"That is why I'm here 80 years later, to recognize the senselessness (of not inviting them to the White House), and to pay tribute to all the progress that has come since," Blackmun said.

The announcement came on the same night the USOC invited Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who were booted from the 1968 Olympics for their gloved-fist protest on the medals stand, to be part of the awards show. Smith and Carlos hadn't been involved in an official USOC event since being sent home from Mexico City. The gold- and bronze-medal-winning sprinters will be at the White House on Thursday, as well.

At the 1936 Olympics, Owens won four gold medals, but it was the message Owens' victories sent by winning in Nazi Germany and undercutting Hitler's white-supremacy dogma that stood as the lasting memory of those games.

## Bills' Ryan trolls as Patriots explore quarterback options



**FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)**—The Patriots welcome back Tom Brady from his "Deflategate" suspension in less than a week.

In the meantime, they have just a few days left to get Jimmy Garoppolo's shoulder, Jacoby Brissett's thumb, or emergency quarterback Julian Edelman ready to play against the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

It's the question of the week in New England. And Walt Patulski—a new alter ego for Rex Ryan—was in search of answers on Wednesday.

During a teleconference with Edelman and Buffalo reporters, Ryan hopped on the line and introduced himself as a reporter named "Walt Patulski," who in reality was the Bills' No. 1 pick in the 1972 draft.

"Are you playing quarterback this week?" Ryan asked Edelman.

"Well, I'm going to do whatever the coach asks me to do,"

Edelman said. "If they ask me to go out and give a glass of water to some of them on the sideline, I'm going to do that with a smile on my face if it helps our team win. You could ask coach that one."

"All right, Julian, I will buddy," said a giggling Ryan.

"All right, Walt," the Patriots receiver replied, with a tone suggesting that he might have figured out he was being trolled.

Ryan said in a radio interview earlier this week that he had an inkling of who New England would start at quarterback.

Following his sleuthing on Wednesday, he stuck to that claim.

"I still do. Yep, I sure do," said Ryan, who enters Sunday with just a 4-11 coaching record against the Patriots.

Back in New England, both Garoppolo and Brissett practiced for the second straight day.

Garoppolo said before the workout that this is the first time he's dealt with an AC

joint sprain in his shoulder, but added that he isn't concerned with the prospect of potentially having to play through an injury.

"It's just football," he said. "I think everybody in this locker room is doing that."

Brissett said when he injured his thumb last week against Houston it didn't affect his grip on the ball. But he also couldn't recall a time when he's had to deal with a similar ailment.

He said the main thing he's tried to do is not focus on it.

"Just something I deal with," Brissett said. "Whatever happens just happens and whatever coach wants me to do, I'll do."

Still, there's also no ignoring the future Hall of Famer that will soon be back in New England.

And Garoppolo acknowledged that there may be some increased urgency knowing this could be his final opportunity to start with Brady coming back next week.

"You always want to be out

there," he said. "It's part of football, part of being a competitor. You want to be there guy out there and be the one running the show."

The uncertainty would seem to make things that much harder for the Bills, who could potentially see three different offensive looks depending on who plays.

Garoppolo is more of a traditional drop back passer, Brissett brings and increased run threat, and Edelman was an option quarterback in college.

Edelman has spent his entire pro career at receiver, but did throw a 51-yard pass to Danny Amendola in a 2014 playoff win over Baltimore.

Ryan insisted that even with variables to account for, he isn't worried about over preparing for one guy or coming in with the wrong game plan.

"You're gonna prepare, but you're not going to spend your whole practice time on a 'what if?' Ryan said. "But each week you gotta be prepared for that."

# Red Sox clinch AL East crown, go worst to 1st again



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Even though they let a win get away Wednesday night, the Boston Red Sox locked up something more important. And as far as they were concerned, an AL East title was certainly worth celebrating.

Boston clinched the division championship despite wasting a three-run lead in the ninth inning of a 5-3 loss to the Yankees. David Ortiz and the Red Sox, who last weekend secured at least a wild-card spot in the playoffs, were assured the crown when Baltimore rallied for a 3-2 win at second-place Toronto nearly 30 minutes before New York completed its comeback against Craig Kimbrel (2-5) and Joe Kelly.

"In the end, the one inning, it doesn't take away from 158 games played to date. They should be extremely proud for winning a very, very difficult division," manager John Farrell said.

## Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Hyun Soo Kim hit a pinch-hit, two-run homer in the ninth inning off Roberto Osuna, and Baltimore beat Toronto to move within one game of the AL wild-card-leading Blue Jays.

With Toronto ahead 2-1, Jonathan Schoop singled with one out, pinch-runner Michael Bourn stole second and Kim homered on a 3-2 pitch into the visiting bullpen in right.

## Tigers 6, Indians 3, 5 innings

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning, moments before the game was halted for good, and Detroit came away with a rain-shortened victory over Cleveland to keep pace with Baltimore in the AL wild-

card race.

Detroit trails the Orioles by one game for the AL's second wild card, and the Tigers certainly caught a break in this one.

## Rockies 2, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Jeff Samardzija gave San Francisco a chance to grab momentum after a big offensive outburst a night earlier, but the playoff-hopeful Giants wasted it with a costly dud.

Rockies right-hander Tyler Chatwood (12-9) struck out nine in eight innings and outdueled Samardzija (12-11).

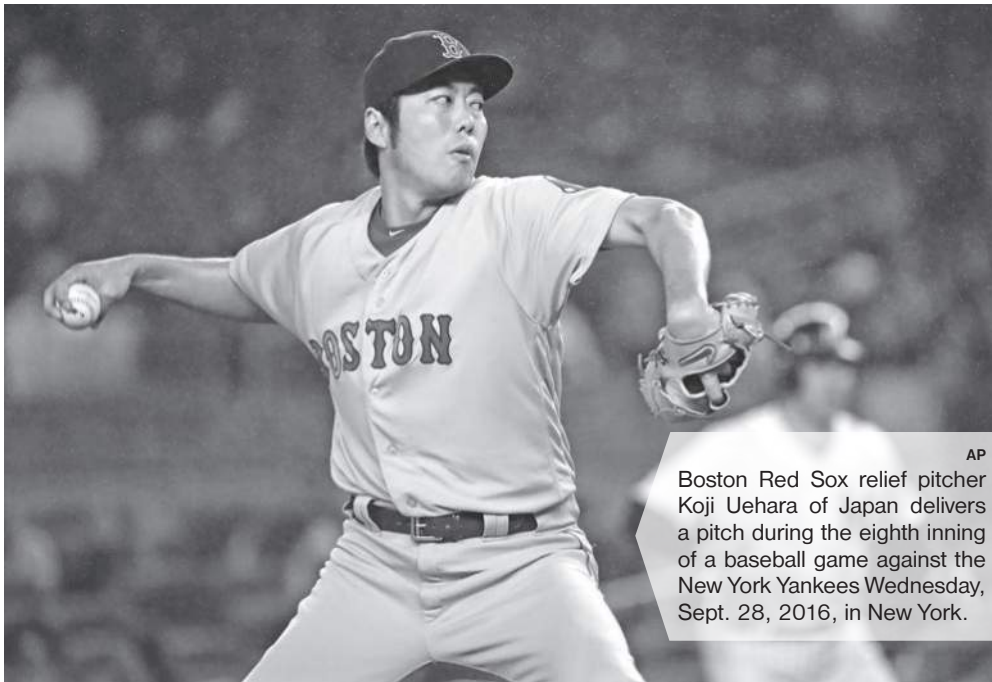
## Pirates 8, Cubs 4

In Pittsburgh, John Jaso hit for the cycle and drove in five runs in Pittsburgh's victory over Chicago.

Jaso tripled off reliever Pedro Strop in the seventh inning for the first cycle in the history of PNC Park and the first for the Pirates since 2004. Jaso's final hit was a fly ball to center field.

## Rangers 8, Brewers 5

In Arlington, Carlos Gomez hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning and AL-leading Texas beat Milwaukee for its major league-best 49th comeback-from-behind victory.



AP  
Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Koji Uehara of Japan delivers a pitch during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, in New York.

Texas (94-65) moved closer to home-field advantage with a 1 1/2-game lead over Boston for the best record in the American League.

## Royals 5, Twins 2

In Kansas City, Kendrys Morales and Alex Gordon keyed an eighth-inning rally and Kansas City beat Minnesota, but the Royals were still knocked out of playoff contention.

The defending World Series champs were eliminated when

Baltimore beat Toronto.

## Mets 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, the Marlins walked half a block alongside a hearse carrying their ace away from Marlins Park at the start of a funeral motorcade, then peeled away with watery eyes to go back inside and play.

Drained by four days of grieving Jose Fernandez's death in a boating accident, Miami didn't have much left for the New York Mets.

## Mariners 12, Astros 4

In Houston, Robinson Cano hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and Seattle beat Houston to keep pressure on the other AL wild-card contenders.

Cano's career-best 36th home run, a drive off Doug Fister (12-13), landed in the first row of the Crawford Boxes in left field.

## Padres 6, Dodgers 5

In San Diego, rookie Hunter Renfroe hit the first home run

in Petco Park history to land on the roof of the brick warehouse in the left-field corner and drove in four runs to lead San Diego.

The Dodgers lost despite hitting three home runs off rookie Luis Perdomo (9-10). Ross Stripling (5-9) allowed a run in three innings.

## Reds 2, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Adam Duvall's two-run single was all Cincinnati needed to beat St. Louis.

The Reds' third win in their last four games dealt a blow to the Cardinals' playoff hopes. St. Louis lost ground in the race for the two NL wild cards.

## Diamondbacks 3, Nationals 0, 5 innings

In Washington, Shelby Miller threw five shutout innings, Jean Segura had three hits to reach 200 for the season and Arizona beat Washington Nationals a rain-shortened game.

## White Sox 1, Rays 0

In Chicago, Todd Frazier hit his 40th home run, Miguel Gonzalez waited out a rain delay to throw 8 1/3 dominant innings and Chicago beat Tampa Bay.

Frazier set a career high and became the seventh White Sox player to reach the homer milestone.

## Braves 12, Phillies 2

In Atlanta, Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer, Daniel Castro had three RBI and Dansby Swanson also drove in two runs, leading Atlanta past Philadelphia.

## Angels 8, Athletics 6

In Anaheim, Kole Calhoun homered, Alex Meyer earned his second major league win and Los Angeles held off a late rally from Oakland to sweep the three-game series.

## Tebow homers in 1st at-bat for Mets in instructional debut

**PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)**—Tim Tebow made a powerful first impression for the New York Mets instructional league.

The former NFL quarterback homered on the first pitch he saw Wednesday in his instructional league debut, against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It was fun," said Tebow, who went 1 for 6 and put the ball in play in each plate appearance. "I just wanted to

have the approach that I was going to be aggressive. That's something we've been talking about every day and practicing. It was probably a little high, but I got good barrel on it and it went out."

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner drove a high 90 mph fastball over the left-field fence. The home run came off John Kilichowski, a left-hander who pitched for Vanderbilt and two St. Louis minor

league affiliates this year.

Left fielder Dylan Carlson scaled the fence in an attempt to steal the home run, but his efforts came up short as fans roared in approval.

Tebow sprinted hard around the bases at first then slowed to a trot. The 29-year-old flashed a broad smile as he approached home plate, then was overwhelmed by his teammates, who had come out of the dugout to swarm him.

"I'm happy for him. I'm glad he found another career that he's good at," former Denver Broncos teammate Chris Harris Jr. said. "Shoot, he's already hitting home runs."

Tebow also grounded into a double play, bounced out to shortstop and hit a pair of flyouts. He hit a slow roller to third base in his fifth at-bat in the fifth inning, nearly beating the throw from third.

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# Knicks have Carmelo confident of more post-Olympic success



**GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP)**—Carmelo Anthony couldn't wait to get started.

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Or perhaps it's because he knows his most successful seasons have come following the Olympics.

Whatever the reason, Anthony is talking like someone who believes his team is going back to the playoffs -- and maybe going far once they get there.

"Like I said yesterday, I haven't been excited like this in a long time to actually get going and ready to create something," Anthony said Tuesday after the Knicks held their first practice.

The Knicks haven't been exciting at all recently. Anthony had never missed the post-season until New York fell just short in 2014, and now he's been shut out three straight years. The Knicks tumbled to a 17-65 finish two years ago, when Anthony was limited to 40 games before knee surgery, and went 32-50 last season.

Anthony often tried to carry the scoring load himself during those last two seasons, but he doesn't see a need now. The Knicks traded for Derrick Rose, signed players such as Joakim Noah, Courtney Lee and Brandon Jennings, and expect big things from Kristaps Porzingis after his All-Rookie campaign.

Anthony has repeatedly said



how excited he is to play with Rose, who believes he can make the game easier for the 32-year-old forward.

"He's been here the longest, he's went through a lot of things here, experienced a lot,

so this is his team," Rose said. "Me and Jo—I can only speak about me and Joakim—we're coming in here, we're battle-tested. Our job is to make his job as easy as possible and if it's sacrificing, it's sacrificing.

has competed in several tournaments on Guam and in the Philippines for the Pan Asians where he won gold. So this makes him experienced as well. Grafton has a bright future ahead of him in BJJ and we are happy to be able to assist him in reaching his goals. We wish Grafton all the best and will be cheering him on during his competition next month," the Trench Tech founder said.

The Copa De Marianas will be Howard Jr.'s fourth tourna-

ment this year. He first joined the Kids Pan Am in February at Long Beach, California and then in April he went to Guam for the Marianas Open, winning a bronze medal in his second competition. About a month after his Marianas Open stint, Howard Jr. traveled to the Philippines with other members of Figo/Bonsai and was undefeated in his division despite facing opponents with higher belts.

The Kagman resident owns

Kalachova of New Zealand in the quarterfinals. The fifth-seeded Kiwi marched into the Round of 8 following a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Australia's Helena Spiridis.

"Tomorrow (today) I will be playing against a New Zealand player and I will do my usual plan—be consistent, attack first, and win my serve game," Lee said.

If the CNMI bet prevails anew today, she will duel the victor in the quarterfinal pairing between New Zealand's Brooke Kenny and No. 2 seed Ashleigh Harvey for the semis ticket at the lower half of the

draw. At the upper half of the bracket, the four players left are No. 1 seed Lisa Mays and unranked Danielle Moris of Australia and New Zealand's Lauren Alter and Janvhi Clark.

In the doubles category, Lee and Palau's Ayana Rengiil dominated New Zealand's Amily Suga and Australia's Angelina Esabella Teakaraanga in the first set, 6-0, and completed the sweep after pulling off a 7-5 triumph in the second.

The third-ranked Lee and Rengiil are at the bottom half of the draw and will be paired against siblings Lauren and

**AP**  
New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony looks to shoot during NBA basketball training camp in Tarrytown, N.Y., Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016.

Whatever he wants us to do, we're going to do it. We don't want no problems, we just want to win."

The only time Anthony's done that lately is in the Olympics.

He won his third gold and fourth medal overall in Rio, both records for a men's basketball player. While most players crave a break after the long NBA season, Anthony said he was "in the best shape that I've felt in a long time" after playing this summer.

Olympic competition has provided him with a boost before.

The 2008-09 season, after his first gold medal, remains his most successful team season as a pro. He had never even won a playoff series before leading Denver to the Western Conference finals, averaging 27.2 points in 16 games before the Nuggets were eliminated by the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers.

He didn't win another series until 2013, coming off his second gold medal in London. He led the NBA with 28.7 points per game in carrying the Knicks to the Atlantic Division title and eventually the East semifinals.

He didn't do it alone back then, with Chauncey Billups in the backcourt in Denver, and Tyson Chandler and Amare Stoudemire in the frontcourt in New York. The Knicks be-

a grey/white belt, getting the promotion in January this year. He got in interested in BJJ when he was 6 after watching a fight on TV. He is also into soccer, playing for MP United Football Club.

"He is really into sports and as a parent I am happy that he loves to compete and train. Joining sports competitions help him develop his social skills as well. He is a very people person," said Sharon Kileman, Howard Jr.'s mother.

Paige Alter of New Zealand in the quarterfinals. The Alter sisters had a free pass to the Round of 8 after getting a win via walk-over against the fifth-ranked pair of Ivy McLean and Holly Stewart, also of New Zealand.

The Alter siblings are the only unseeded duos left in the doubles competition, as Lee and Rengiil were joined in the quarterfinals by No. 1 Kalachova and Mays; No. 7 Morris and Elys Saguil-Ventura; No. 4 Shaylee Syme and Caitlin Ward; No. 6 Tallulah Farrow and Petreski; No. 8 Ilic and Spiridis; and No. 2 Clark and Harvey.

lieve this team, like those, is filled with players who will earn Anthony's trust.

"We're hoping that, again, the level of talent that is on the team will lead to him not thinking, 'I have to do everything,'" coach Jeff Hornacek said.

Anthony hosted most of the roster in Puerto Rico over

the summer for basketball and bonding, so he's gotten to know his teammates off the court.

He likes what he sees.

"I don't know how great we can be," Anthony said. "I don't want to put kind of no ceiling on that, but we control our own destiny at this point."

## John Lizama takes SGA September Ace



John Lizama won the Saipan Golfer Association's September Ace of the Month after topping a tournament early this month at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

The 16-handicapper shot a 41 and 43 on the front and back nines for a gross 84 and net 68. With his victory, he is now qualified to compete in the club championship, joining other monthly winners Greg Sablan (January), Jung Eun Teack (February), Das Krishnan (March), Ed Manibusan (April), Nick Sablan (May), Tony Deleon Guerrero (June), Rick Kautz (July), and Frank Castro (August).

Lizama prevailed by two strokes against CNMI Attorney General Ed Manibusan, who had a net 50—built around his 37 in the first

nine holes and 38 in the last. Manibusan has a 5 handicap.

In the battle for third place, Jung Eun Teack won the deadlock against Ed Sablan. The two players had similar net scores of 73 and the winner was decided by a scorecard tiebreak.

Sablan, after losing the standoff to Teack, had to settle for the closest to the pin win on hole No. 6. Other closest to the pin winners were Frank Castro (No. 8), Greg Sablan (No. 12), and Nick Sablan (No. 15).

In the longest drive category, the winners were Norman Tenorio on No. 7 and Manibusan on No. 18.

Meanwhile, SGA will have its October Ace of the Month Tournament this Sunday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. Tee time is at 10am, while show time is at 9am. **(PR)**

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Kanoa's error. Pauly Joyce had a hat trick for Kanoa, while Toremy Diaz and Veora Basa contributed one goal each.

Jerlyn gave Paire its first goal in the 13th minute, while Sally found her target in the 26th minute to lift their team to a 2-1 halftime edge. Joyce knocked in the lone goal for Kanoa in the first half (19th minute).

Kanoa managed to equalize off Basa's goal in the 32nd minute and then grabbed the upper hand, thanks to Diaz's shot in the 43rd. An own goal and Jeraldine's conversion in the 44th and 45th minute, respectively, brought back Paire to the driver's seat before Joyce's second goal in the 46th forced another deadlock.

Jerlyn then broke the tie three minutes later, while Sally gave Paire the insurance with her second goal in the 52nd. Kanoa threatened Paire one last time when Joyce scored anew in the 59th minute, but her team run out of time to make another goal that would have forced the draw.

In the other Division A game, Angie Ito earned a pair of goals to hand Shirley's a win in its season debut. Ito hit

the board in the 22nd and 52nd minute, while Katrina Costalers earlier registered Shirley's first goal 13 minutes into the first half. Shirley's last goal was made off TanHoldings' miscue four minutes before the match wrapped up. TanHoldings drew its lone goal from Sarah Allen in the 41st minute.

Shirley's also fielded a team in Division B and settled for a 2-2 draw against Kanoa.

Hannah Santos and Marie Aldan nailed one goal apiece for Kanoa, while Shirley's two goals came from Thereze Millari and Katherine Magat.

In the other Division B pairing, MP United downed Kagman High School, 1-0, but the official match report did not indicate who scored for the winning squad in the first half.

Meanwhile, this season's Dove-sponsored league is also holding competition in the masters division.

MP United played in the second masters game and topped TanHoldings FC, 2-1, thanks to a pair of goals from Laarni Zapanta. Mariquit Chavez recorded the lone goal for TanHoldings.

In the first game, Matansa and Kanoa had a draw with Bunruang Brassuell lighting up the board for the former and Kathy Mersai scoring for the latter.

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standout trains five to six times a week after school hours at the Trench Tech Gym in Garapan under purple bet Cuki Alvarez and his son Shane.

"They've been helping me with my strategies and cardio," said Howard Jr., who also looks up to Trench Tech's Frank "The Crank" Camacho.

"Grafton is a very good grappler for his age, 12. He

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from other courts and I need to recover faster and anticipate more," said Lee.

"In the first game, my opponent's serve was pretty difficult to hit but I managed to return it. I also felt confident because my slice serve was good. I won most of the games because of my serve," the world No. 443 added.

With her back-to-back wins, Lee has a chance to move into the Final Four as she faces fellow ranked player Oleksandra

# Prostate and Childhood Cancer Awareness Run/Bike for a Cause

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Bob Ferrer, right, leads finishers in the 40K bike race, while Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services' Derek Gersonde heads to the finish line of the 5K run at the American Memorial Park during last Saturday's Prostate and Childhood Cancer Awareness Run/Bike for a Cause



Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services cadets near completion of the 5K run, while bikers slow down.



Two runners keep a steady pace as they are a few meters away from the finish line.



T Galleria's Esther Ada makes her turn to the finish line.



A Mt. Carmel School student-runner inches closer to the finish line.



Two runners are all smiles as they are about to complete the 5K race.



Three bikers slow down to pose for a photo.



Two young runners sprint to the finish line.



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# Lee stays in contention in NZ

## Howard to compete in Copa De Marianas



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Grafton Howard Jr. poses for a photo before his training session at the Trench Tech Gym last Wednesday night.

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Chacha Ocean View Middle School's Grafton Kileleman Howard Jr. will leave Saipan on Tuesday for his debut in the Copa De Marianas BJJ Gi and No Gi Tournament.

Howard Jr. is entered in the under 40kg, 10-14 age group of the biggest BJJ tournament in Guam. Cope De Marianas will be held at the Father Dueñas Phoenix Center in Mangilao on Oct. 8.

"I am hoping to get another gold medal in this competition," said Howard Jr., who

finished first in the under 55kg division of the Pan Asia Jiu Jitsu International Open held at the Mall of Asia in Manila last May 22, 2016.

"I've been training hard for this tournament. I am working on my stamina and speed so I can compete against Guam fighters and other athletes from around the world," added Howard, whose win in next weekend's event could serve as his advanced gift as he will be celebrating his 12th birthday today.

The Figo/Bonsai Jiu Jitsu

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The CNMI's Carol Lee is still in the title hunt in the singles and doubles events of the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2016.

In the singles competition, Lee defeated New Zealand's Amelia Lawson, 6-3, 6-1, yesterday at the Scarbro Tennis Centre in Auckland, New Zealand, to advance to the quarterfinal round of the ITF Juniors ranking tournament. The victory was the second straight set triumph for the No. 3 seed Lee, as she also swept Australia's Kirijana Petreski in their second round match last Wednesday, 6-0, 6-1.

The Commonwealth bet managed to dispatch her foes early despite competing in an indoor contest for the first time.

"Playing in indoor courts is pretty different. The ball goes quick and fast when you hit a flat serve. There are noises

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Carol Lee made it to the quarterfinals of both the singles and doubles competitions in the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2016 after sweeping her foes yesterday at the Scarbro Tennis Centre in Auckland, New Zealand.

## Dove women's league kicks off fall season

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The 2016 Dove Women's Fall League opened last Sunday with Paire, Shirley's,

and MP United posting season-debut wins at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School.

Paire edged Kanoa,

6-5, in the second game in Division A, while Shirley's outclassed TanHoldings FC in the curtain-raiser, 4-1.

Jerlyn Castillo and Lyka

Sally scored two goals apiece in Paire's victory, while Jeraldine Castillo chipped in one. Paire got one goal from

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Participating teams in the 2016 Dove Women's Fall League gather for a group photo before playing in their respective games at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School.